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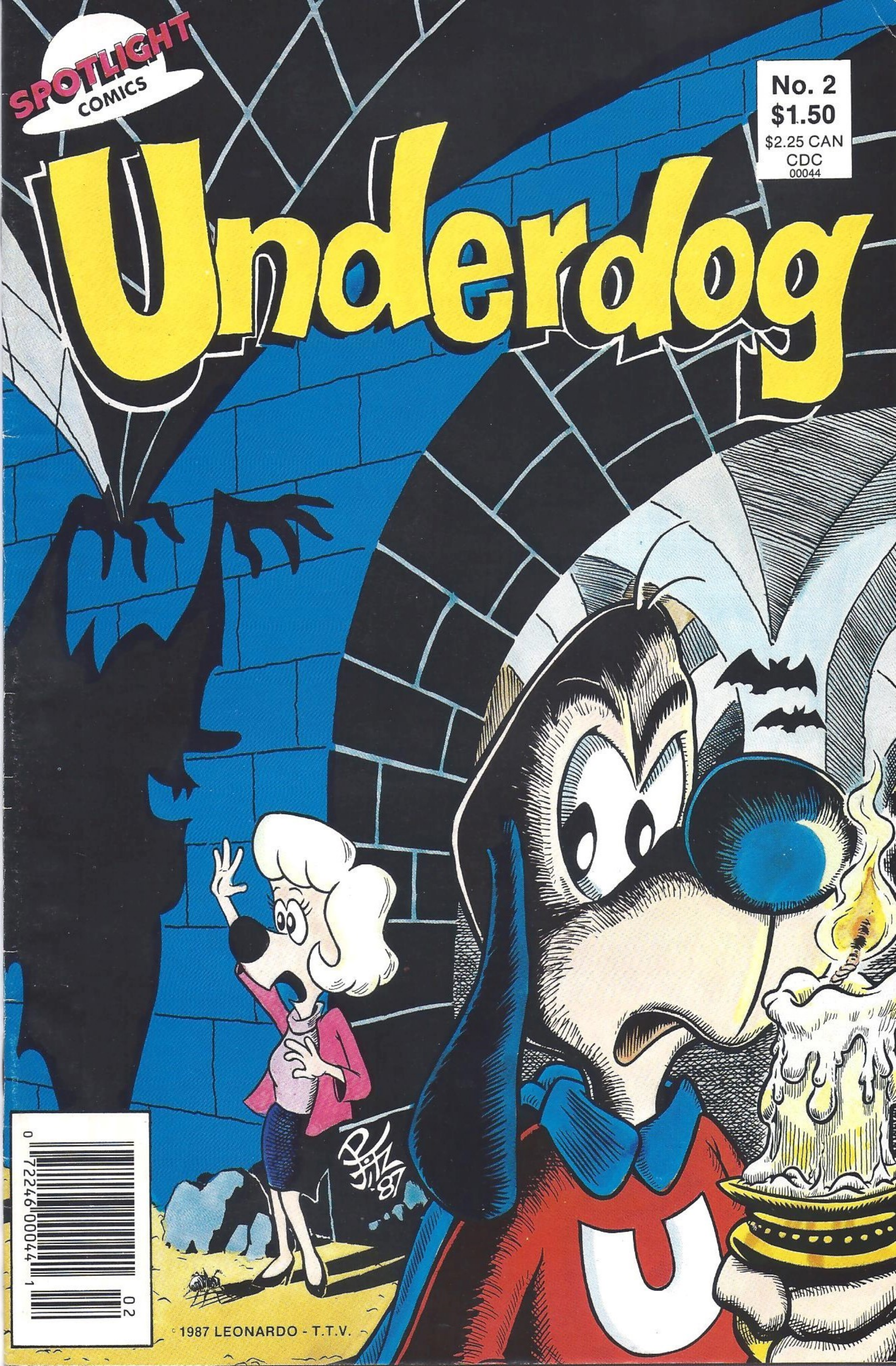

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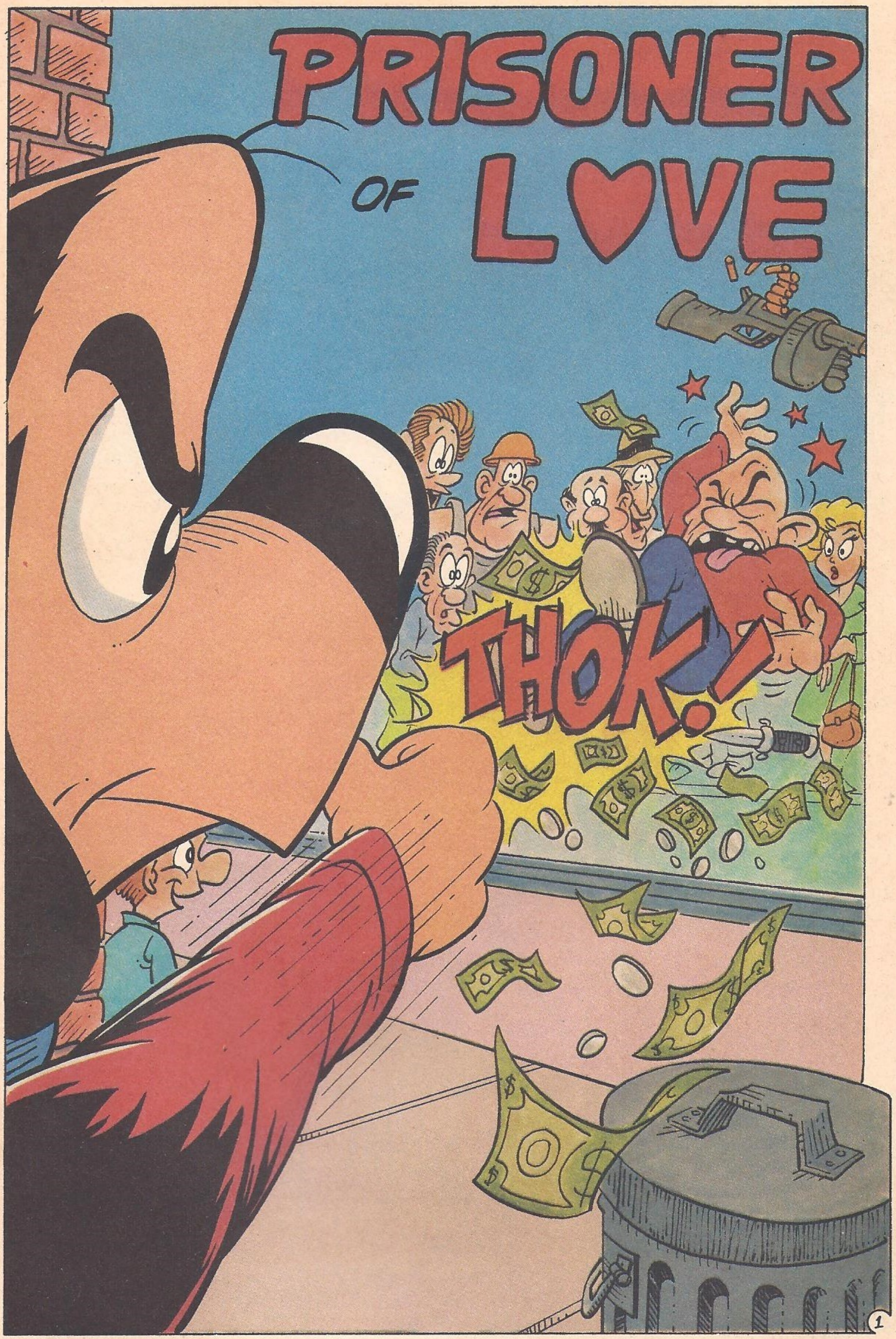
PRISONER
OF LOVE
THOK!
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ONCE AGAIN UNDERDOG SAVES THE DAY...

BANK

OOOF!

POW!

BANK

BANK

...AND GIVES ANOTHER CRIMINAL HIS JUST DESSERTS!

HERE'S ANOTHER ONE FOR YOUR COLLECTION. THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME FOR THE PROTECTION!

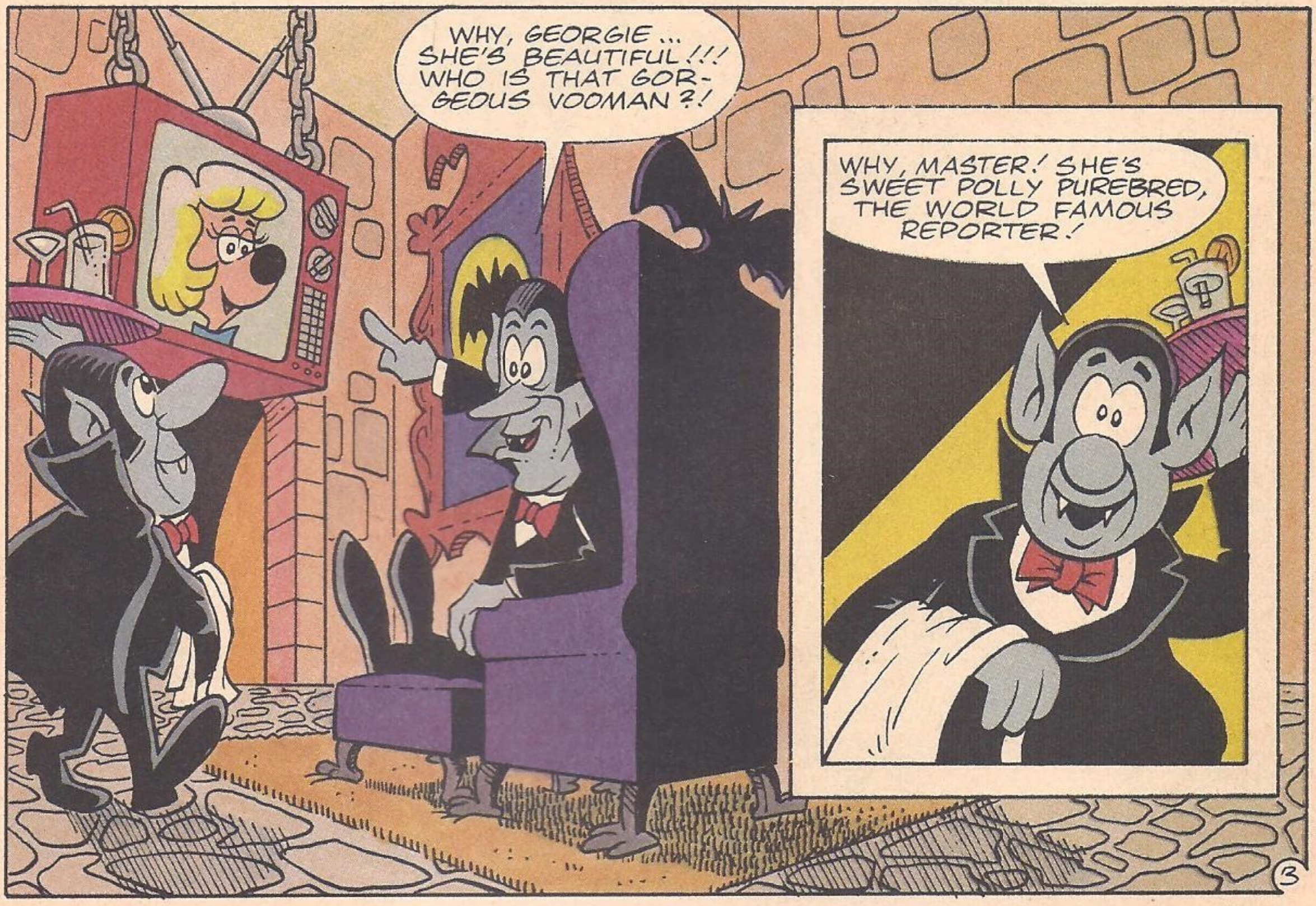
WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT YOU, UNDERDOG?

FIGHTING CRIME IS ALL I KNOW, SO IT'S HIP-HIP-HIP AND AWAY I GO!

ELSEWHERE... NESTLED HIGH IN THE MOUNTAINS OF PENNSYLVANIA...

BATTY MAN'S CASTLE

PLEASE LEAVE SHROUDS AT DOOR



I MUST POSSESS HER... BRING HER TO ME...

AS YOU WISH, MASTER... SHALL I BRING OUR "LITTLE" FRIENDS?
YES... BUT BE GENTLE, AND DON'T HARM ZO MUCH AS A HAIR ON HER BEAUTIFUL HEAD!

BACK AT TTV...

TTV

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD NEWS!

ON AIR

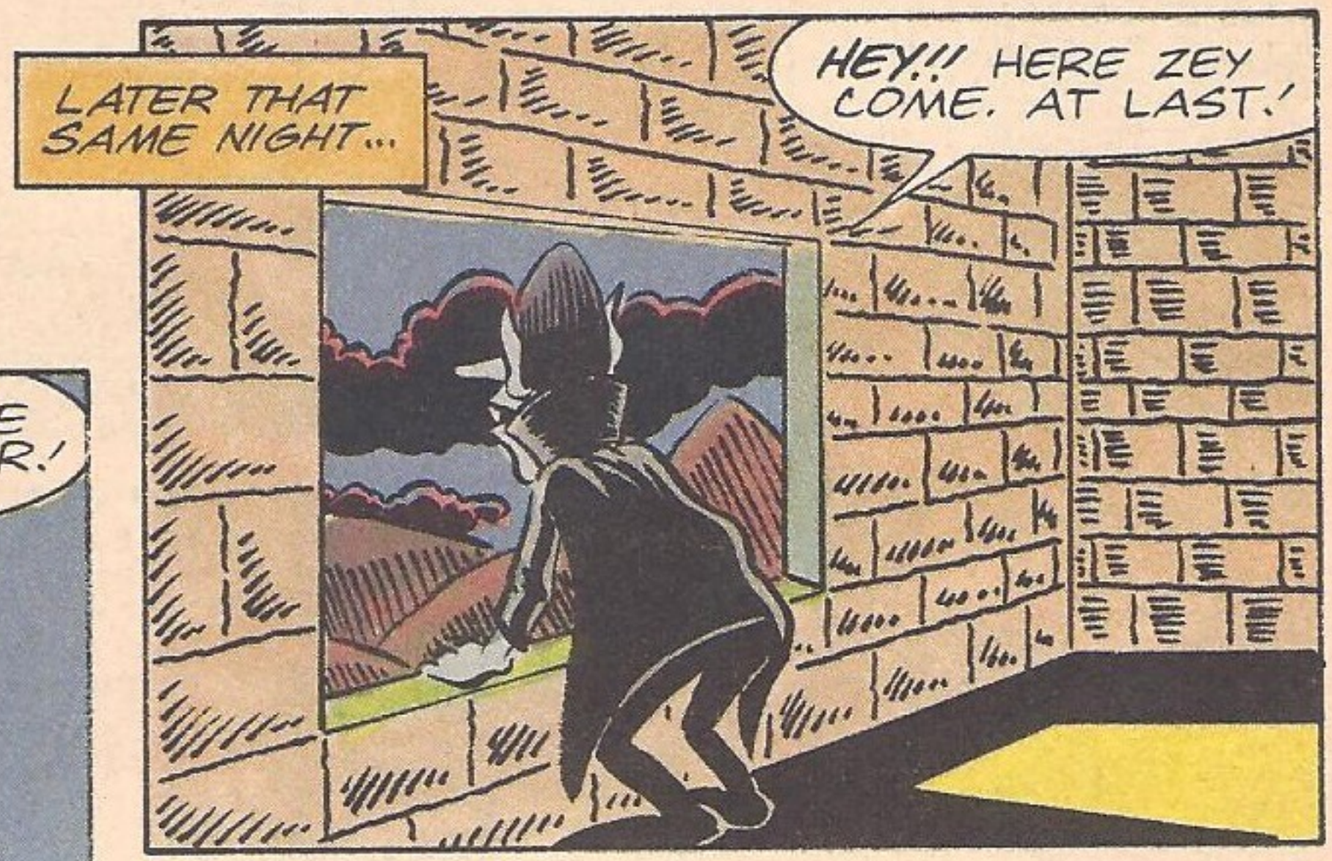
GOOD SHOW TONIGHT, POLLY.

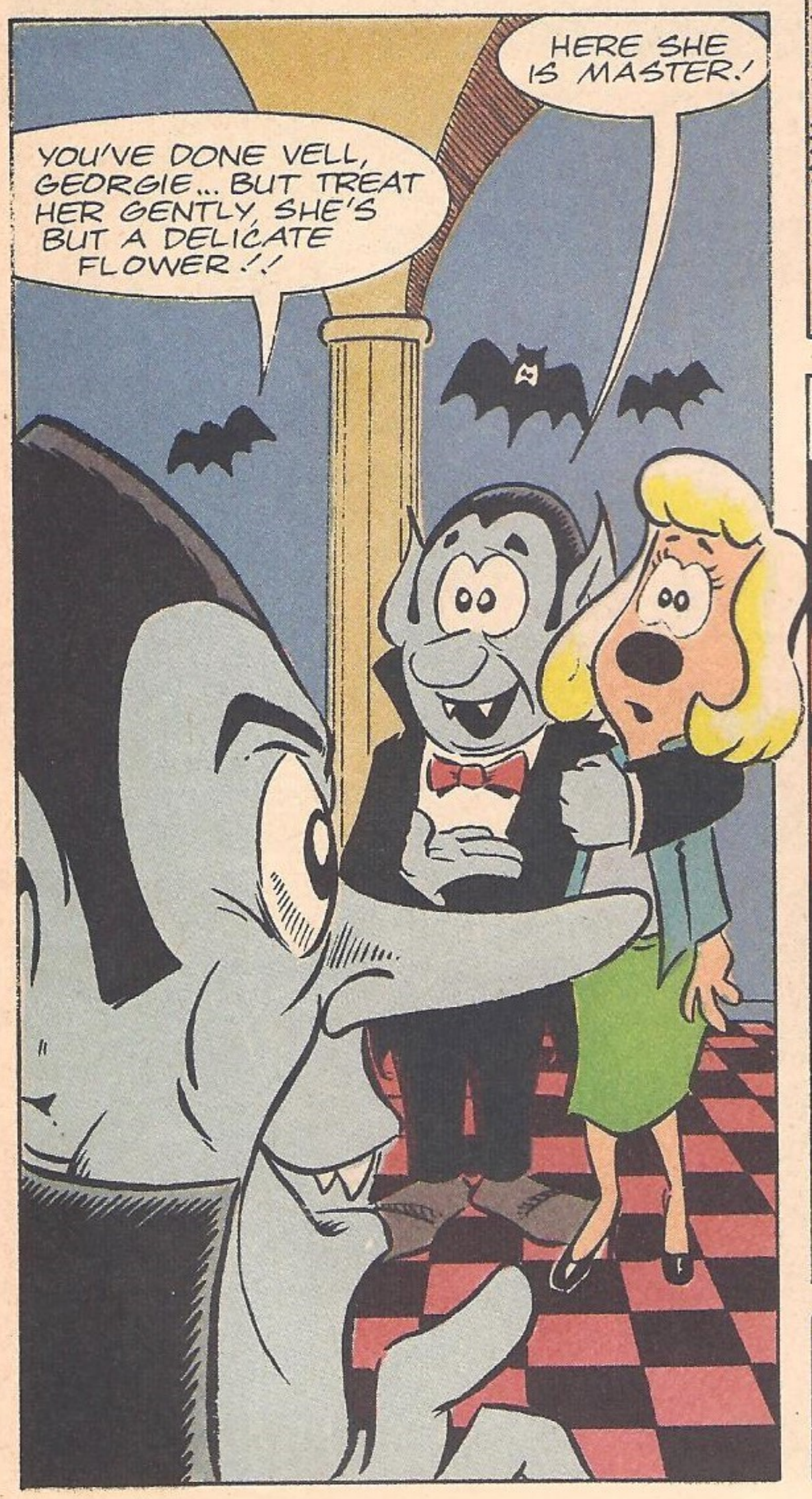
THANKS, JOSH! G'NIGHT.

TTV

EXIT

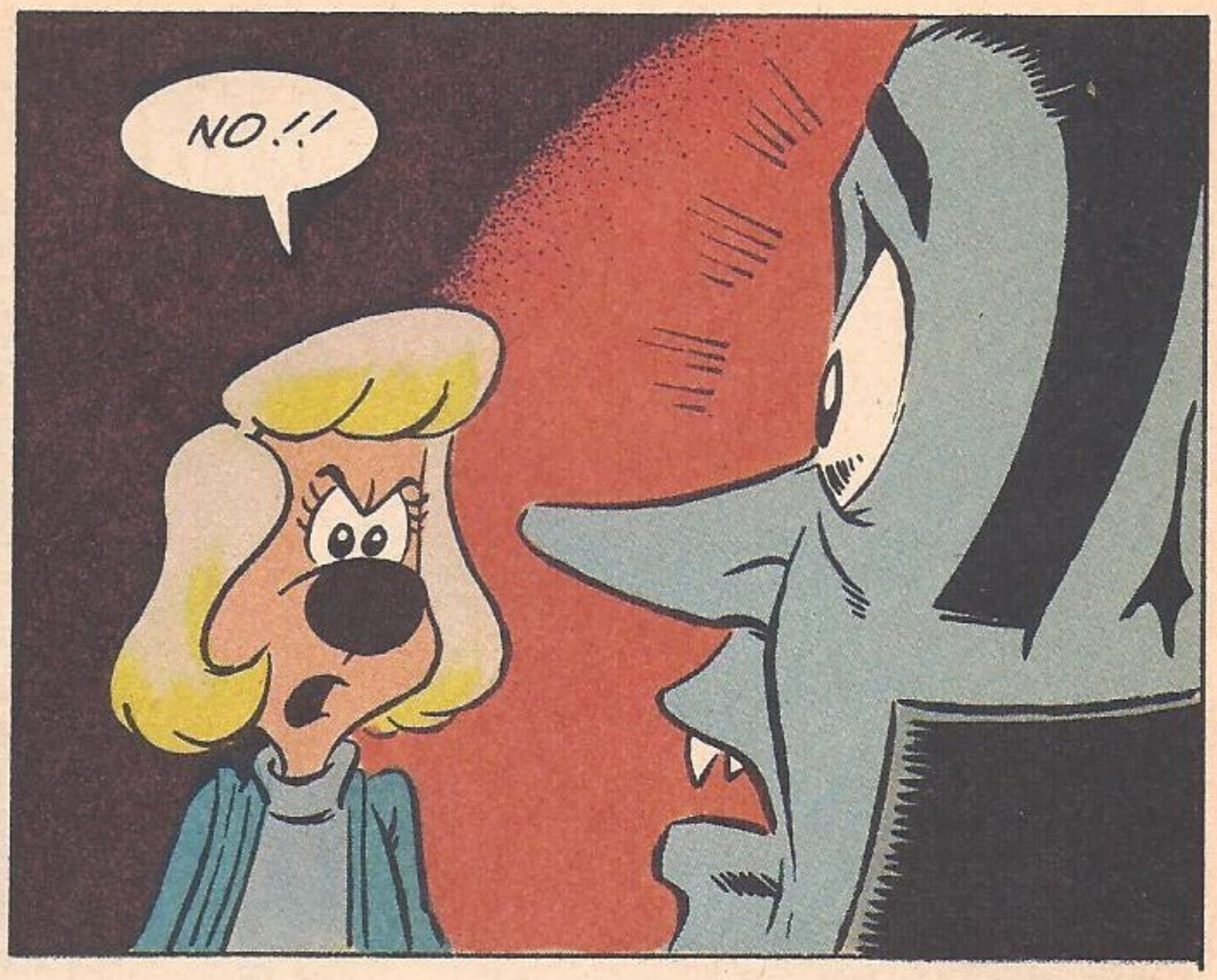
WHAAAMMPHGGH?!


LATER THAT SAME NIGHT...
HEY!! HERE ZEY COME. AT LAST.!


HERE SHE IS MASTER.!
YOU'VE DONE VELL, GEORGIE... BUT TREAT HER GENTLY, SHE'S BUT A DELICATE FLOWER.!.!

WHO ARE YOU ?! WHAT DO YOU WANT ?! WHERE AM I ?!
I EM BATTY MAN... VELCOME TO MY HUMBLE ABODE...

YOU VILL BE MY DINNER GUEST. NO?

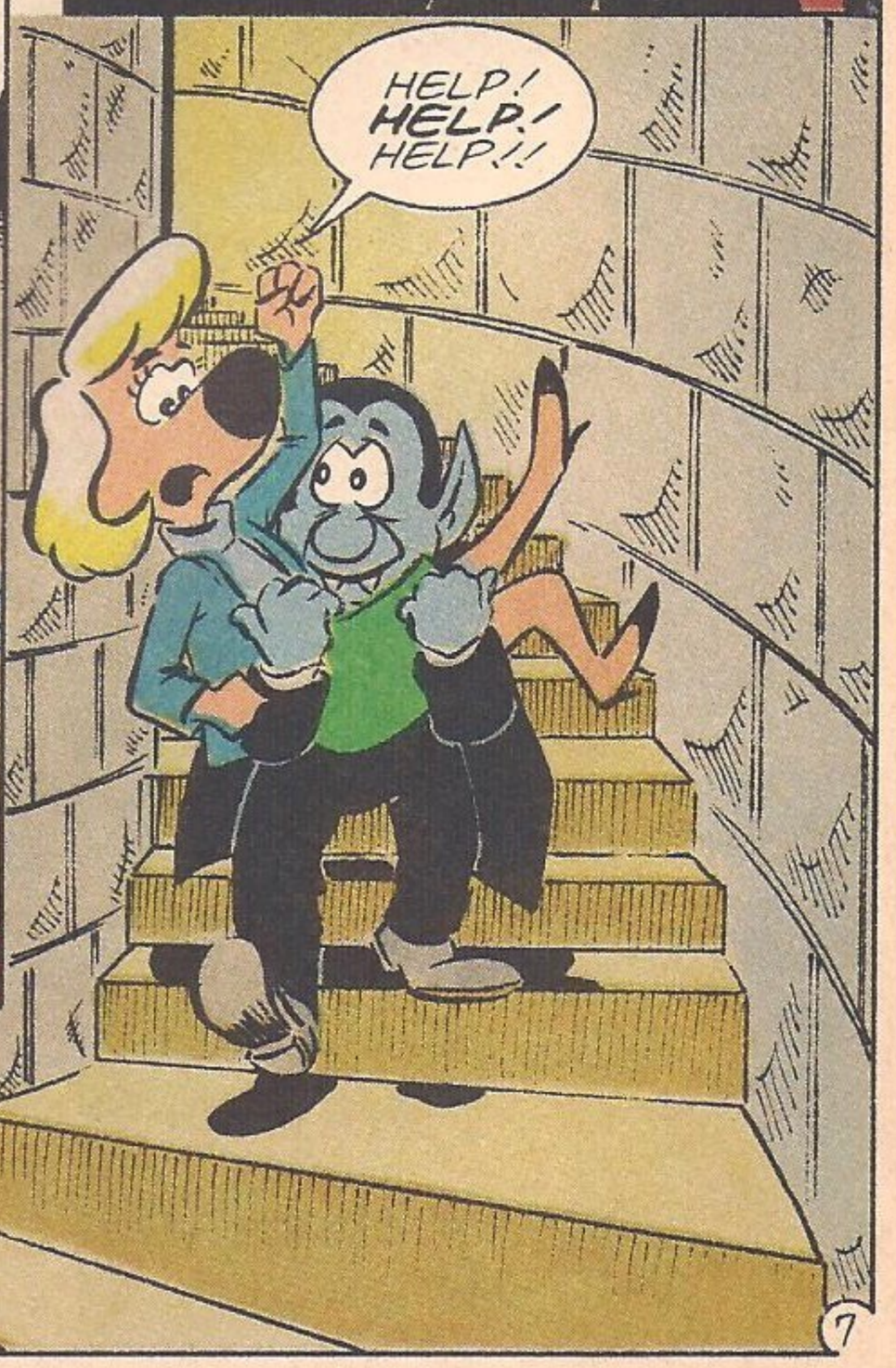

NO.!!

BUT SVEET POLLY... I LUFF YOU.!.
BUT I DON'T LOVE YOU.! AND I DON'T APPRECIATE BEING KEPT HERE AGAINST MY WILL.!

VY, GEORGIE, SHE'S PLAYING HARD TO GET! HOW CHARMING.!!

LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, OR WHAT YOU WANT, BUT I'M LEAVING.!!

GEORGIE, SHE ZEEMS A LITTLE HOT UNDER THE COLLAR! PERHAPS SOME TIME IN THE CATACOMBS VILL COOL HER OFF!


HELP! HELP! HELP!!
To Catacombs

MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL...

GEE... I LOVE THIS SHOW!

HE'S EVEN BIGGER THAN YOUR FRIEND SHIRLEY...

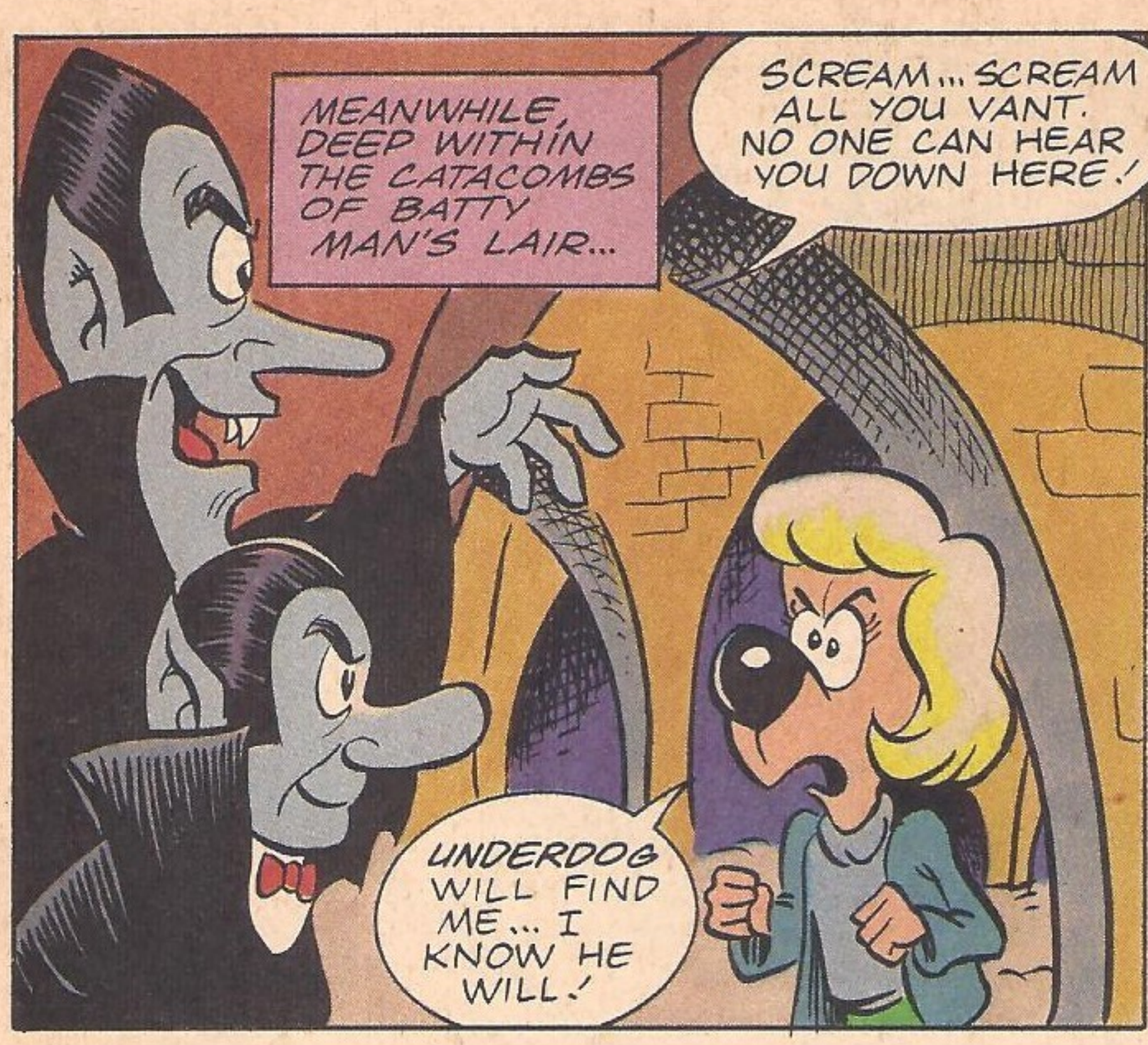
HELP HELP

...HOMINA, HOMINA... HOMINA...

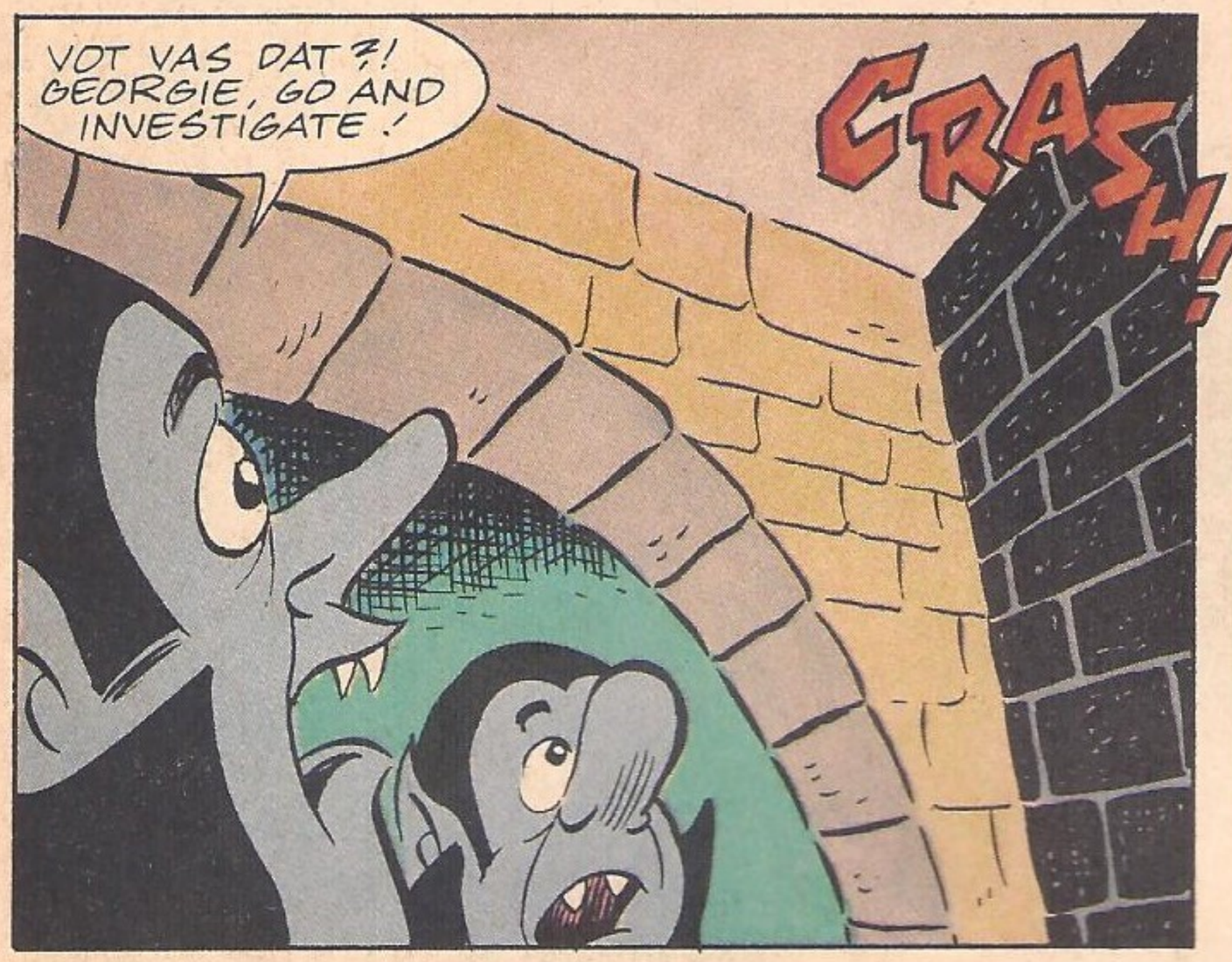
IT'S POLLY... AND SHE'S IN TROUBLE! I'M NEEDED AS UNDERDOG!

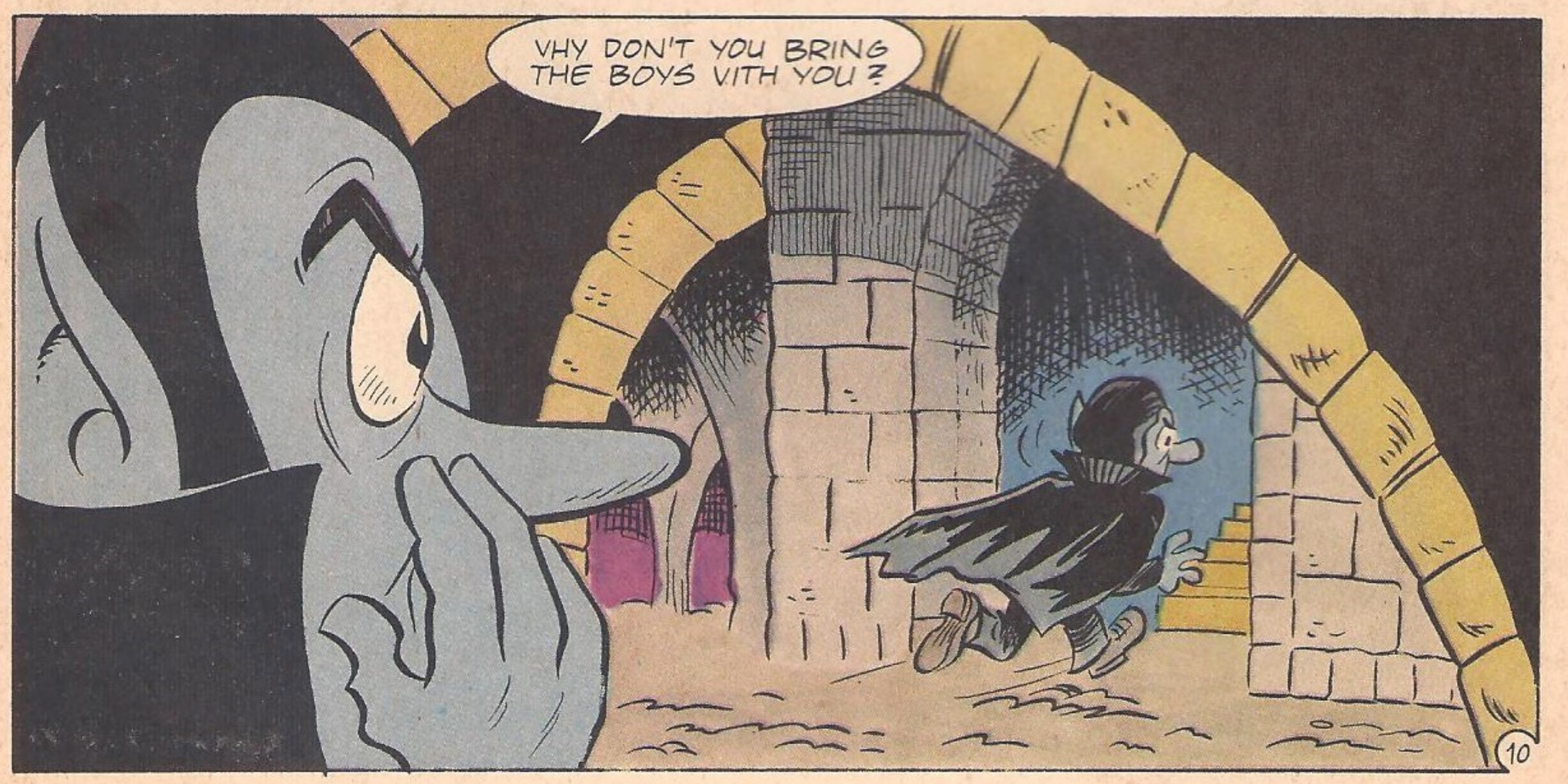
WHEN POLLY'S VOICE IS FRAUGHT WITH ALARM, I MUST MAKE SURE SHE COMES TO NO HARM!!

UNDERDOG FOLLOWS THE SOUND OF POLLY'S CRIES FOR HELP...
HELP! HELP!
ALL THE WAY TO PENNSYLVANIA...
HELP! HELP!
WELCOME To BeautiFul PENNSYLVANIA
AND TO BATTY MAN'S CASTLE!


MEANWHILE, DEEP WITHIN THE CATACOMBS OF BATTY MAN'S LAIR...
SCREAM... SCREAM ALL YOU VANT. NO ONE CAN HEAR YOU DOWN HERE!
UNDERDOG WILL FIND ME... I KNOW HE WILL!

HE VILL NEVER FIND YOU! EVEN IF HE SHOULD SOMEHOW MAKE HIS VAY TO THE CASTLE, BECAUSE OF THE INTRICATE NETVORK OF CATACOMBS, IT VOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND YOU!
BLAH-HAH-HA
HEE HA!
HA HA HO-HO

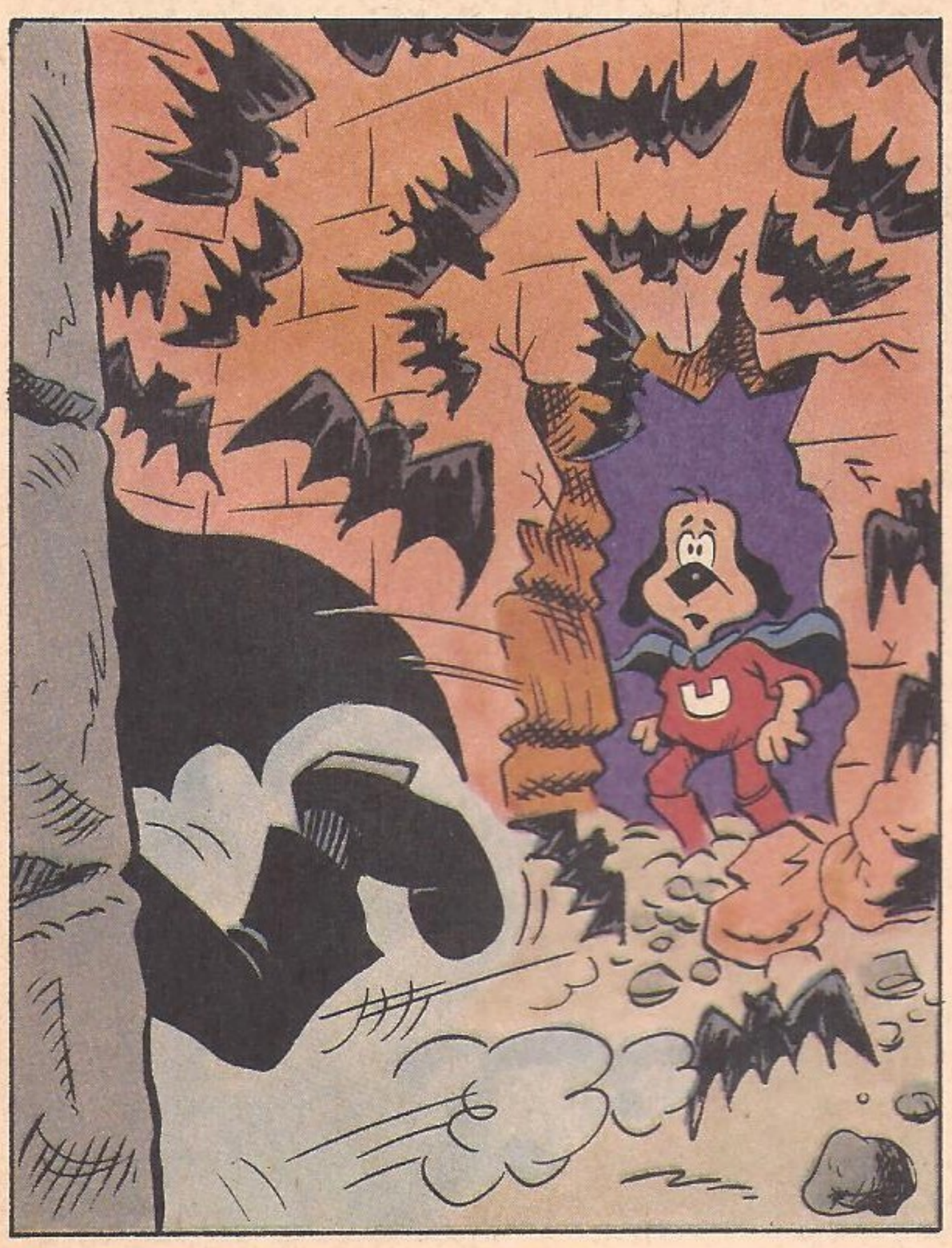

VOT VAS DAT?! GEORGIE, GO AND INVESTIGATE!
CRASH!

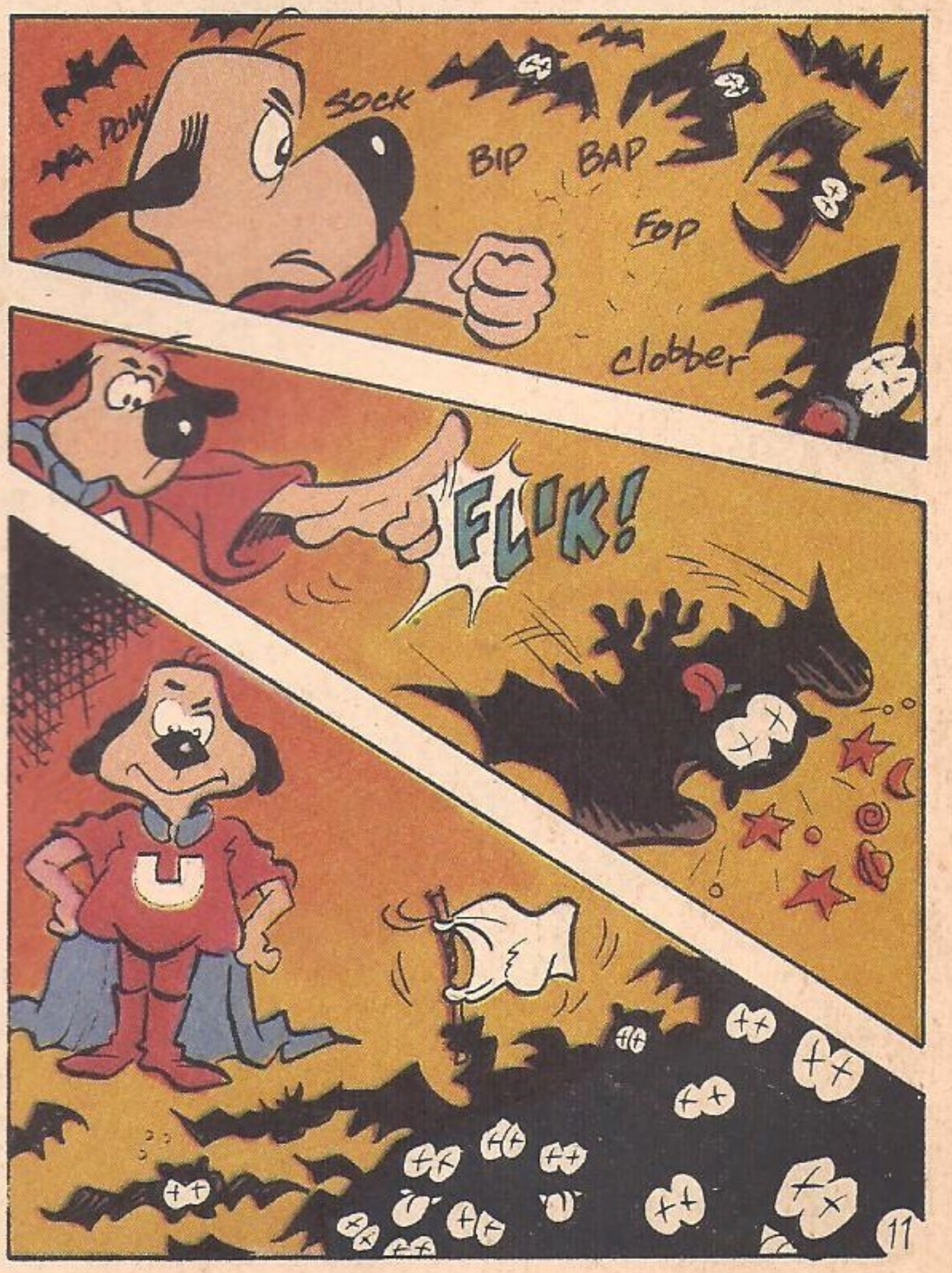

VHY DON'T YOU BRING THE BOYS VITH YOU?

MEANWHILE UPSTAIRS...

I SENSE THAT POLLY IS SOMEWHERE NEAR, ALTHOUGH HER VOICE I CAN NO LONGER HEAR!

WHY IT'S UNDERDOG!! GET 'IM, BOYS!!





HAVING MADE SHORT WORK OF THE BATS...

POLLY MUST BE UNDERGROUND, IT'S TIME TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND!

UNDERDOG DESCENDS INTO THE BOWELS OF THE CATACOMBS...

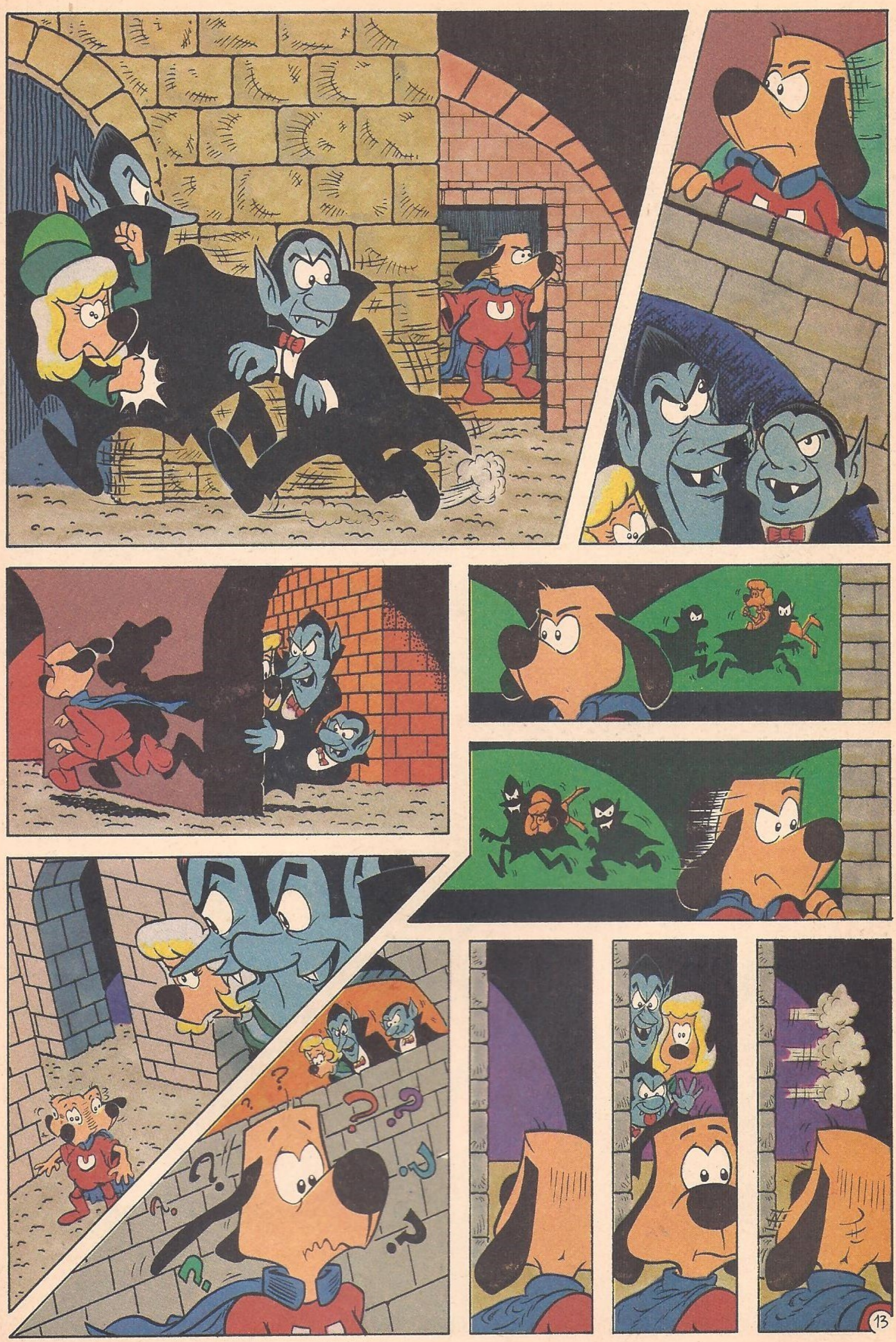
WHILE BELOW, GEORGIE CONFRONTS BATTY MAN...

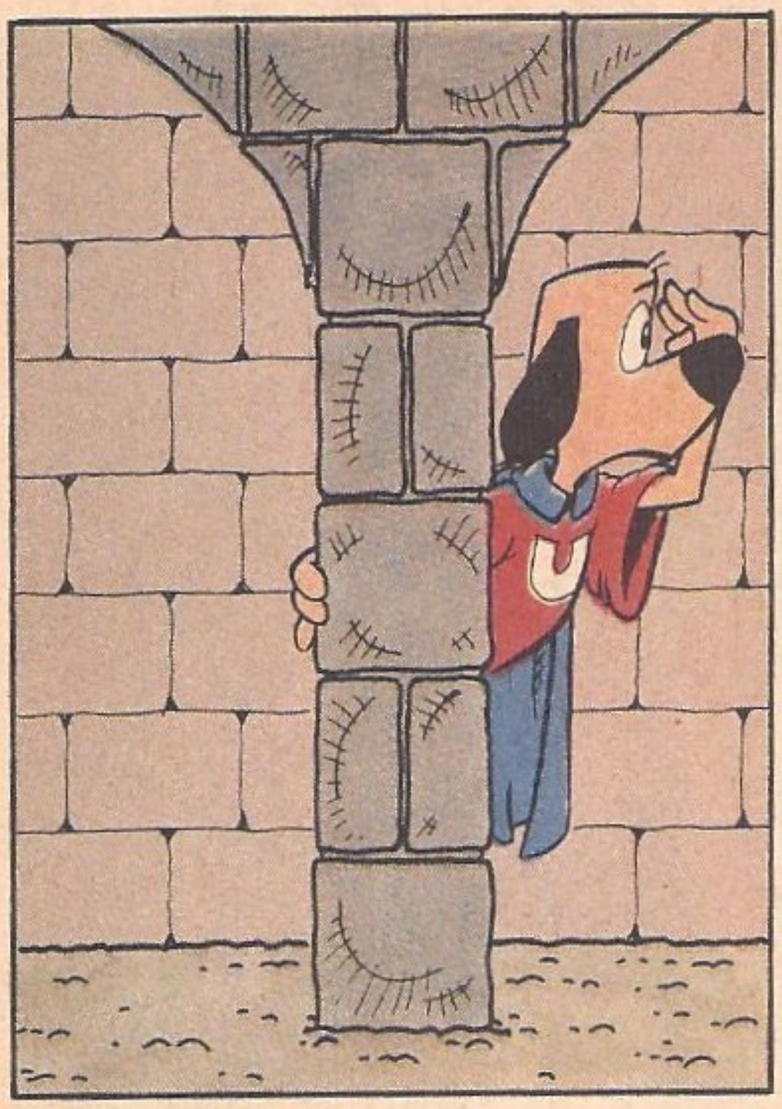
MASTER! IT'S ... IT'S UNDERDOG!

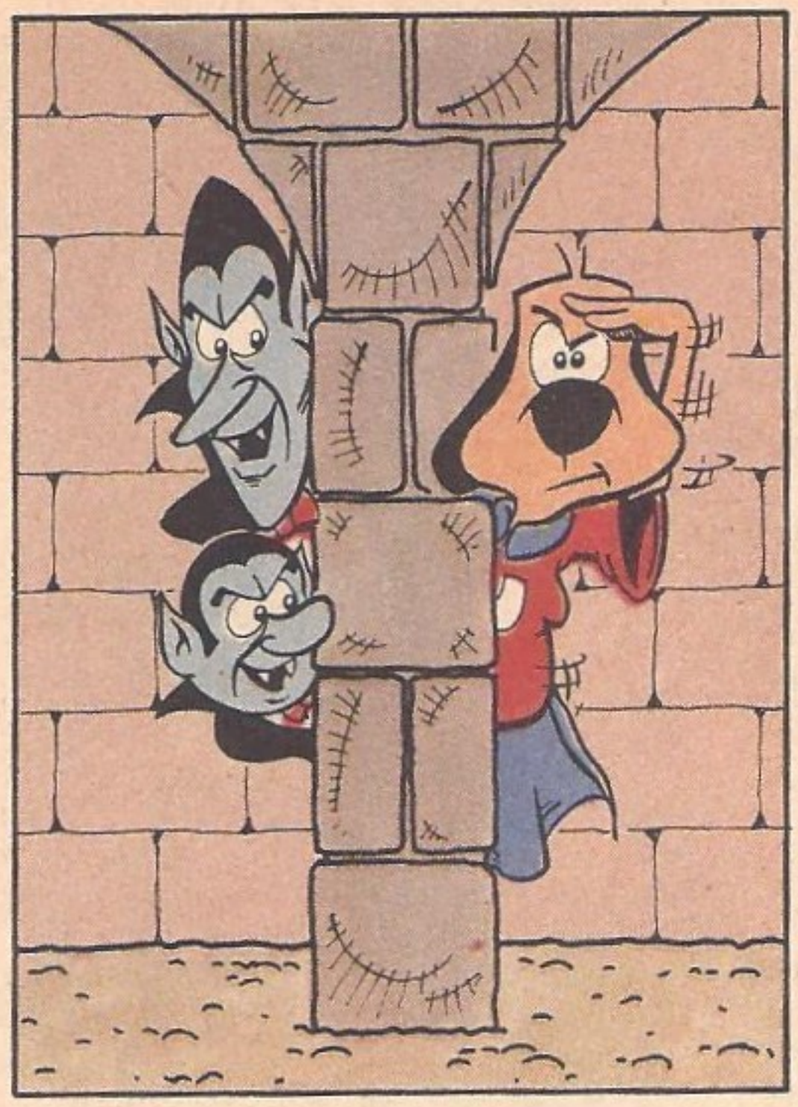
I KNEW HE'D COME!

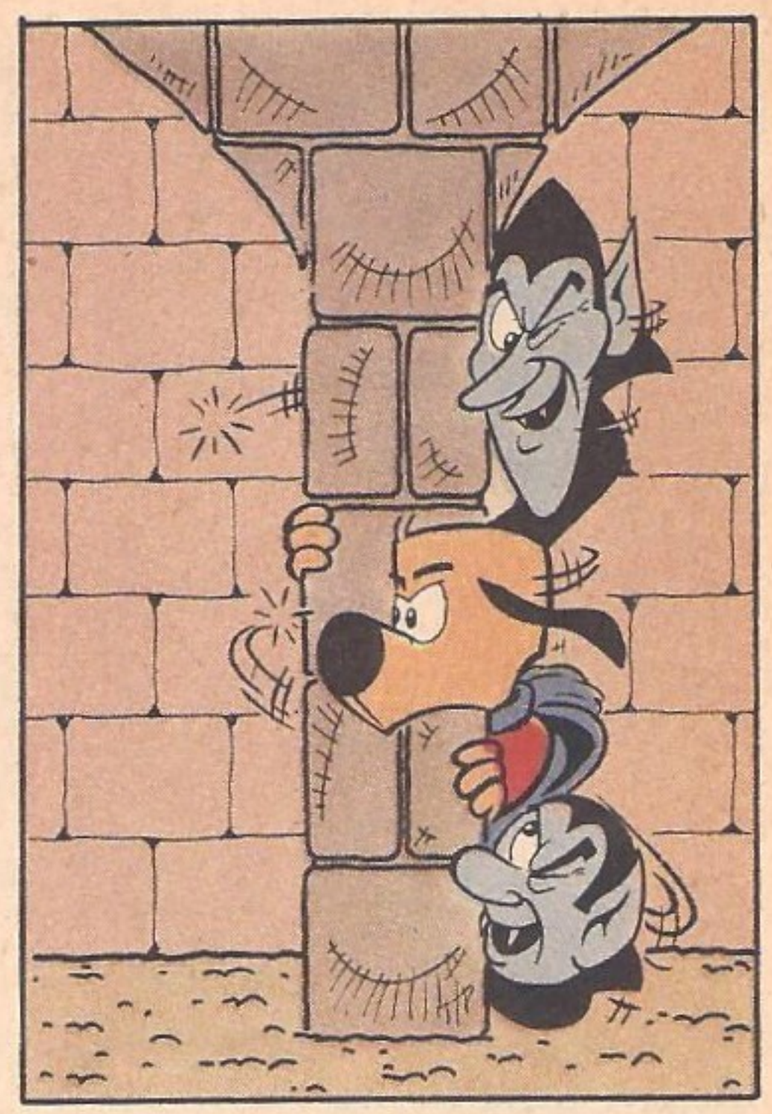
BUT HE *STILL* VON'T FIND YOU! THERE'S A SECRET EXIT ONLY I KNOW OF!

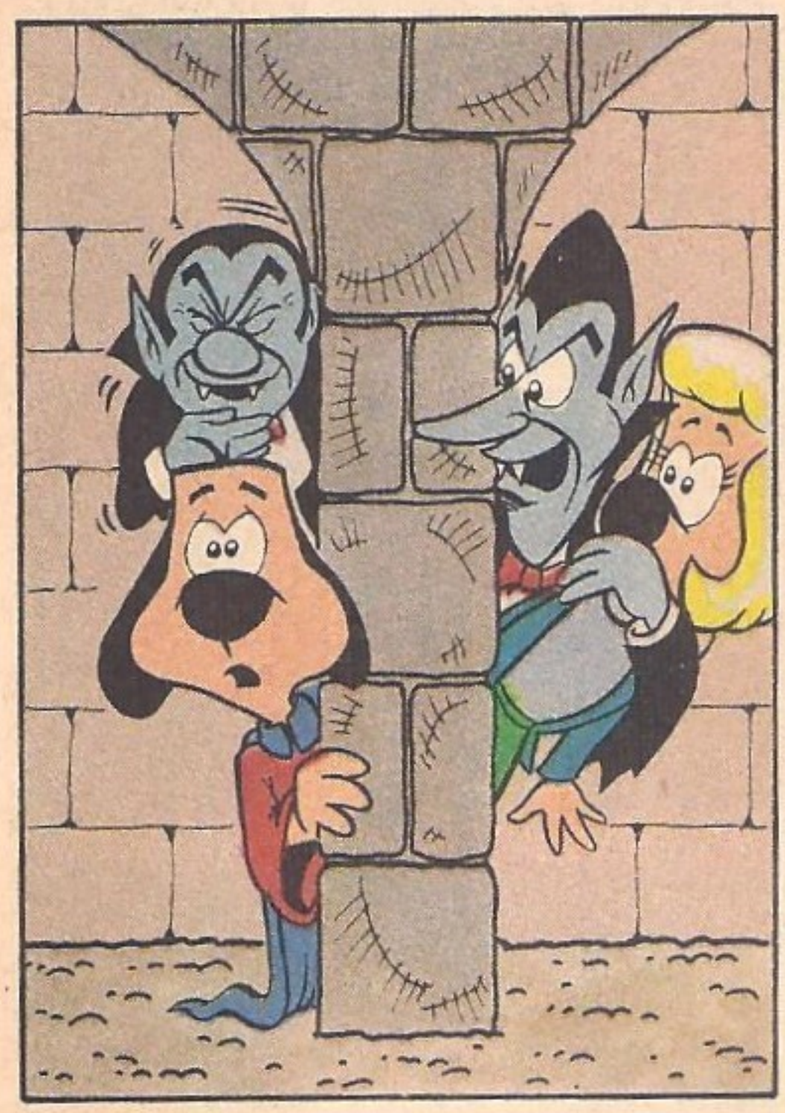
COME, GEORGIE, LET US MAKE HASTE!

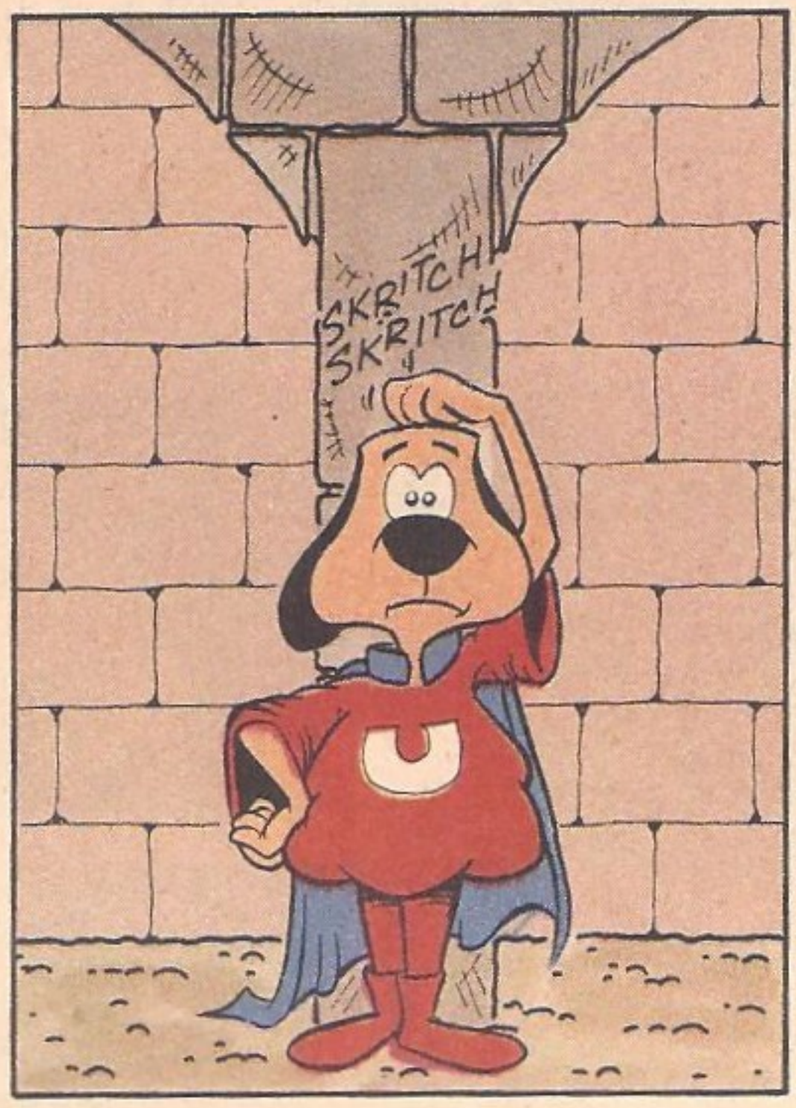








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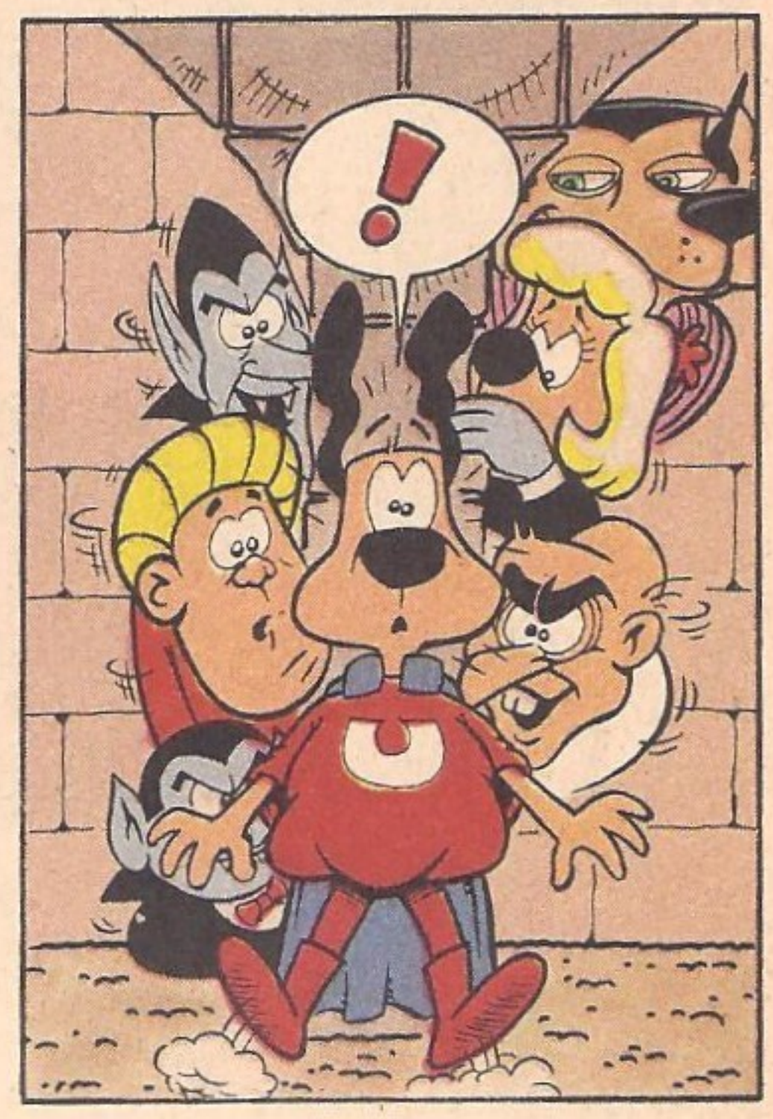
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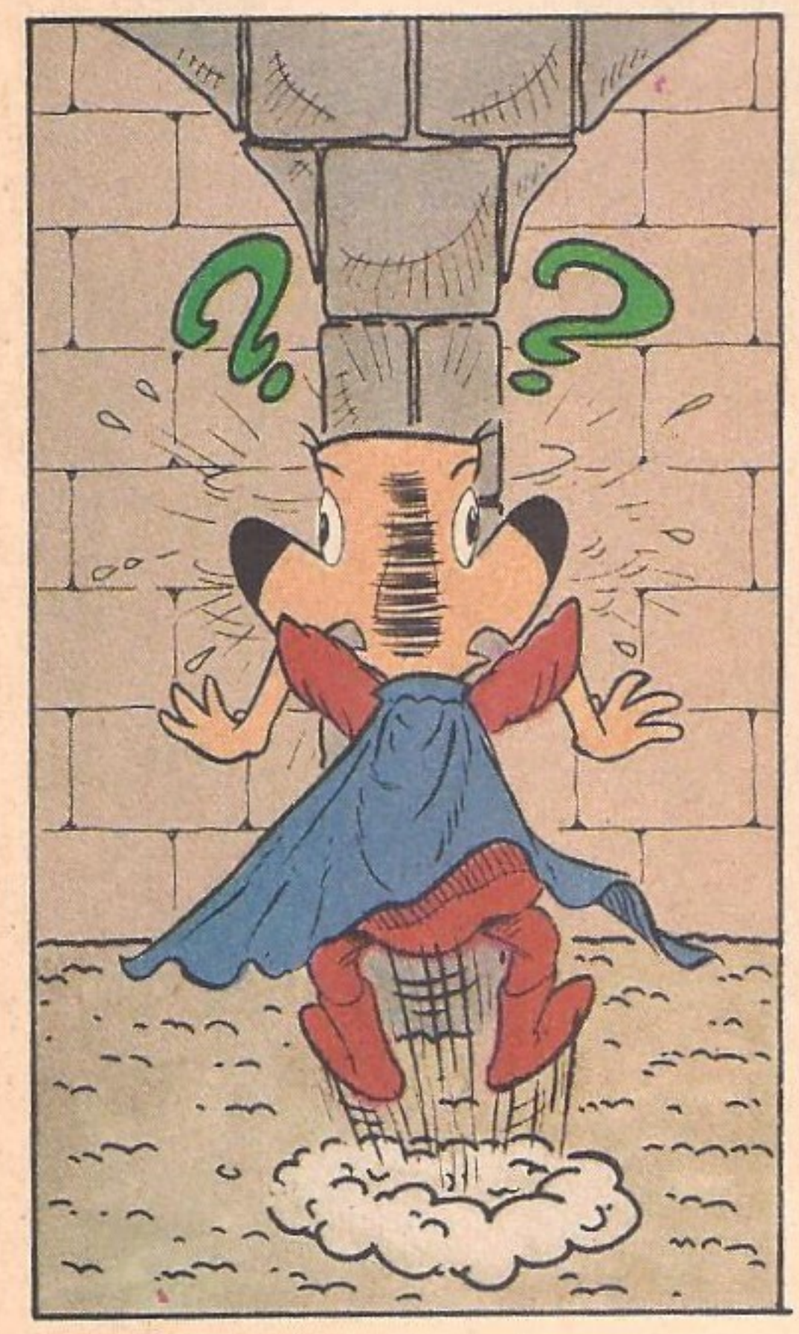
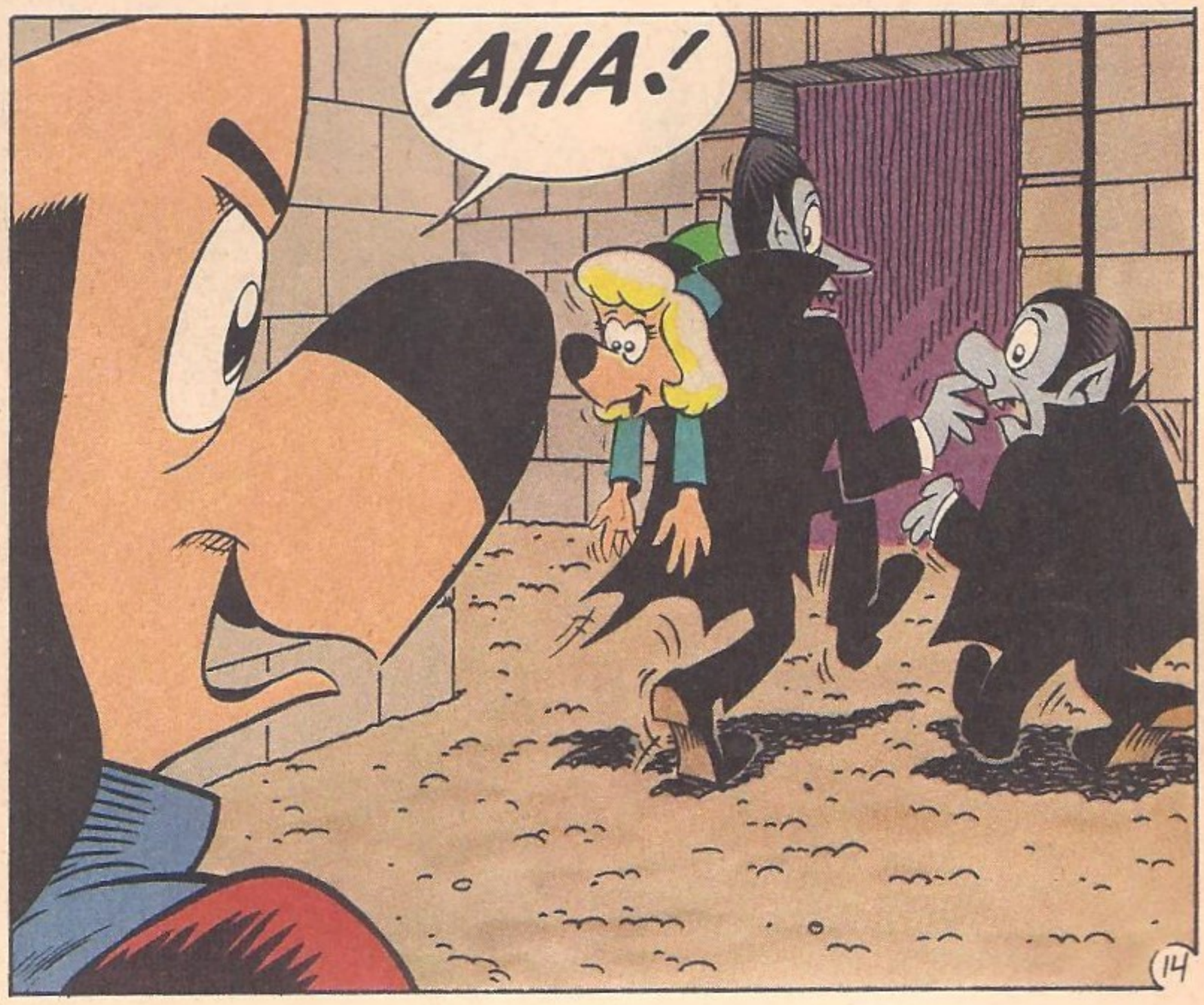
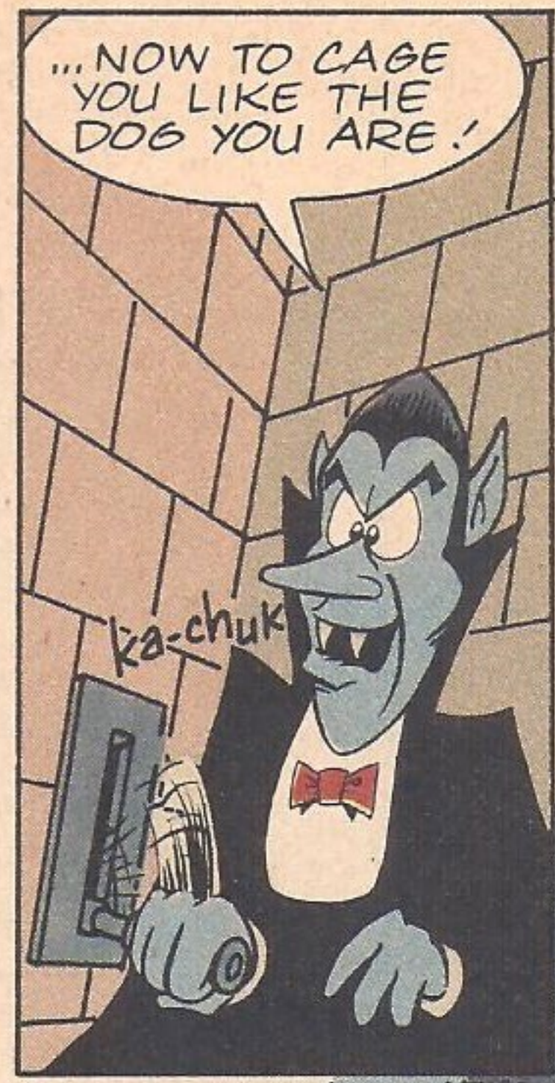



AHA!

LET HER GO, YOU FIENDISH SNEAK, ENOUGH OF THIS GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK!
UNDERDOG, YOU BEGIN TO ANNOY ME...


...NOW TO CAGE YOU LIKE THE DOG YOU ARE!
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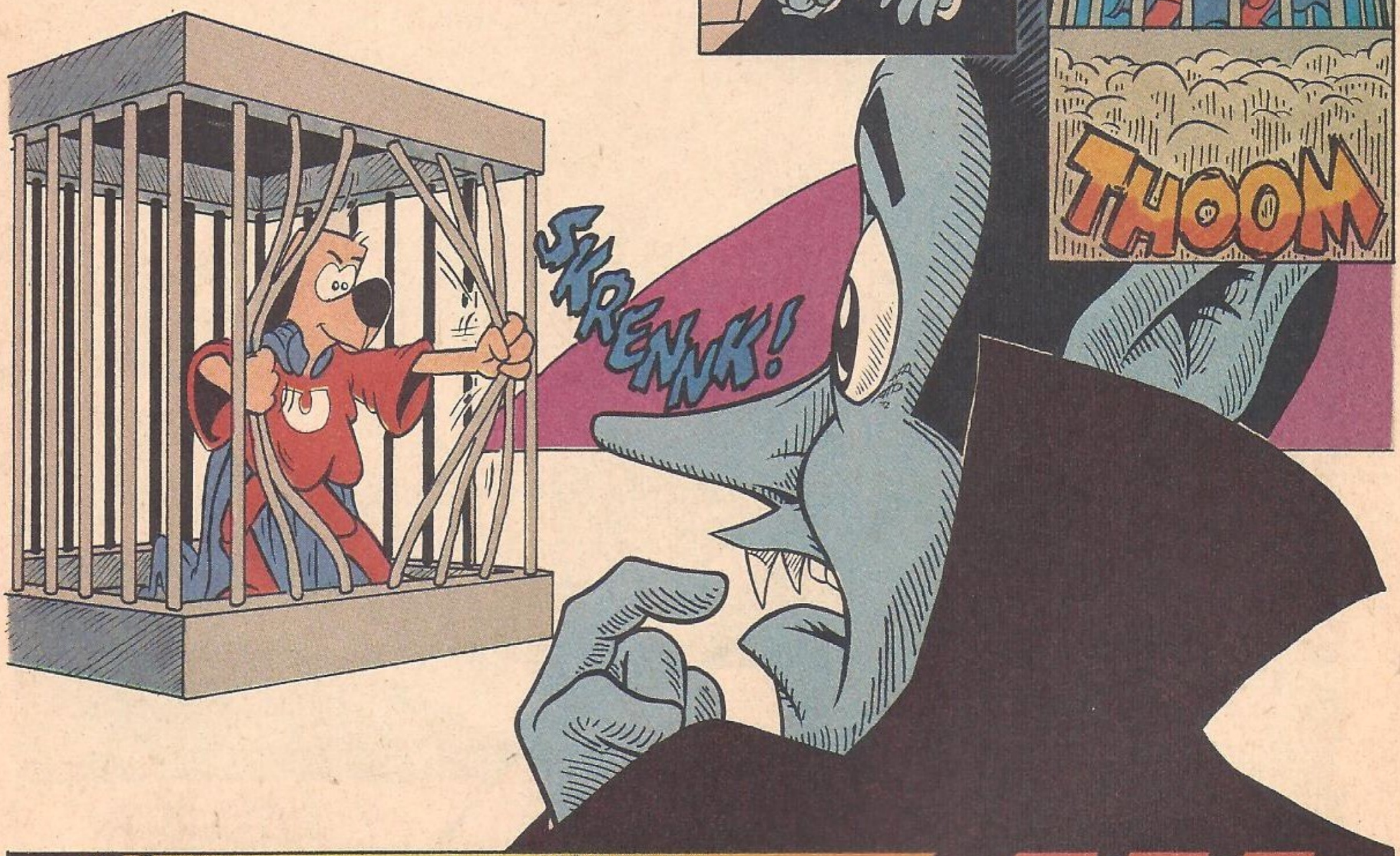
CLATCH!

THOOM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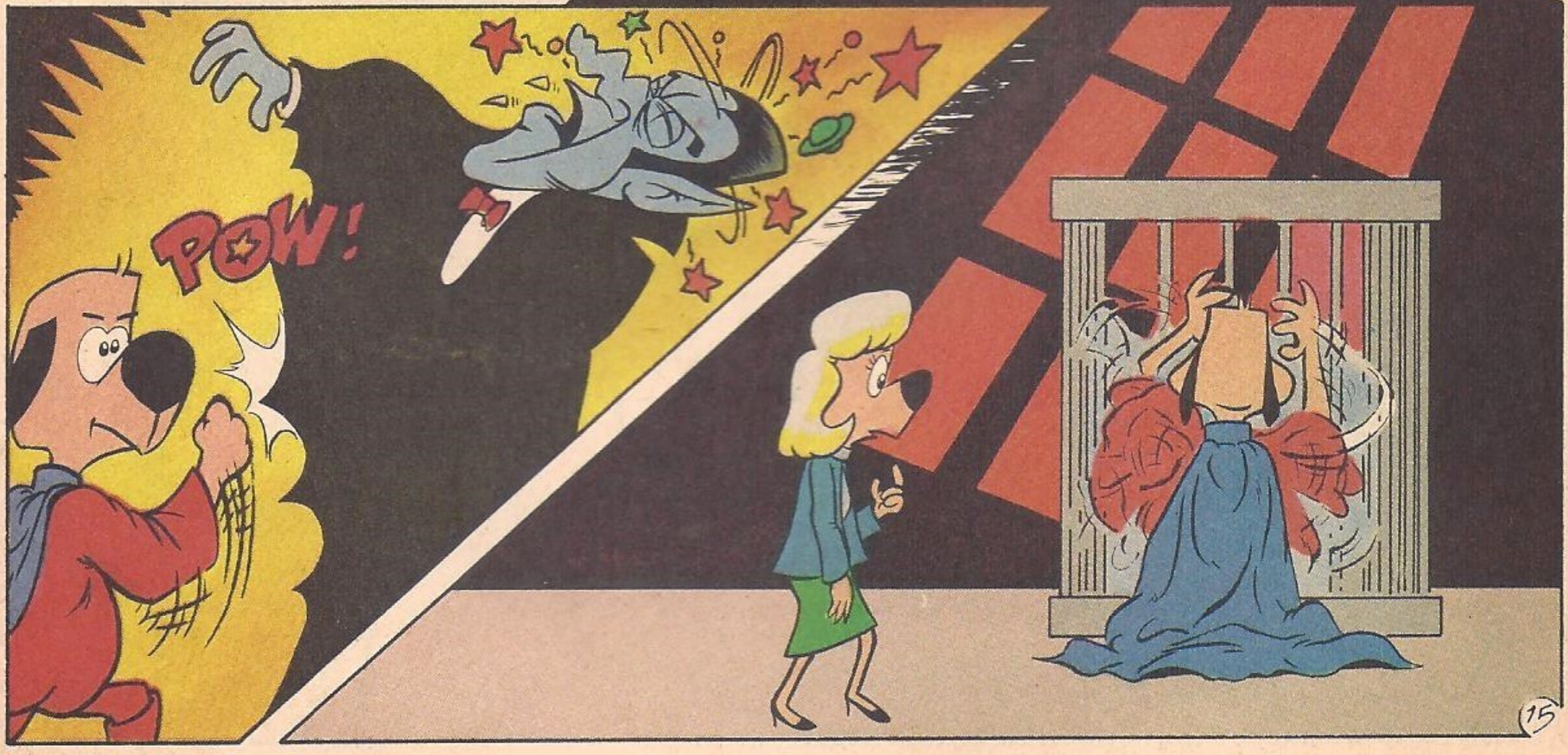
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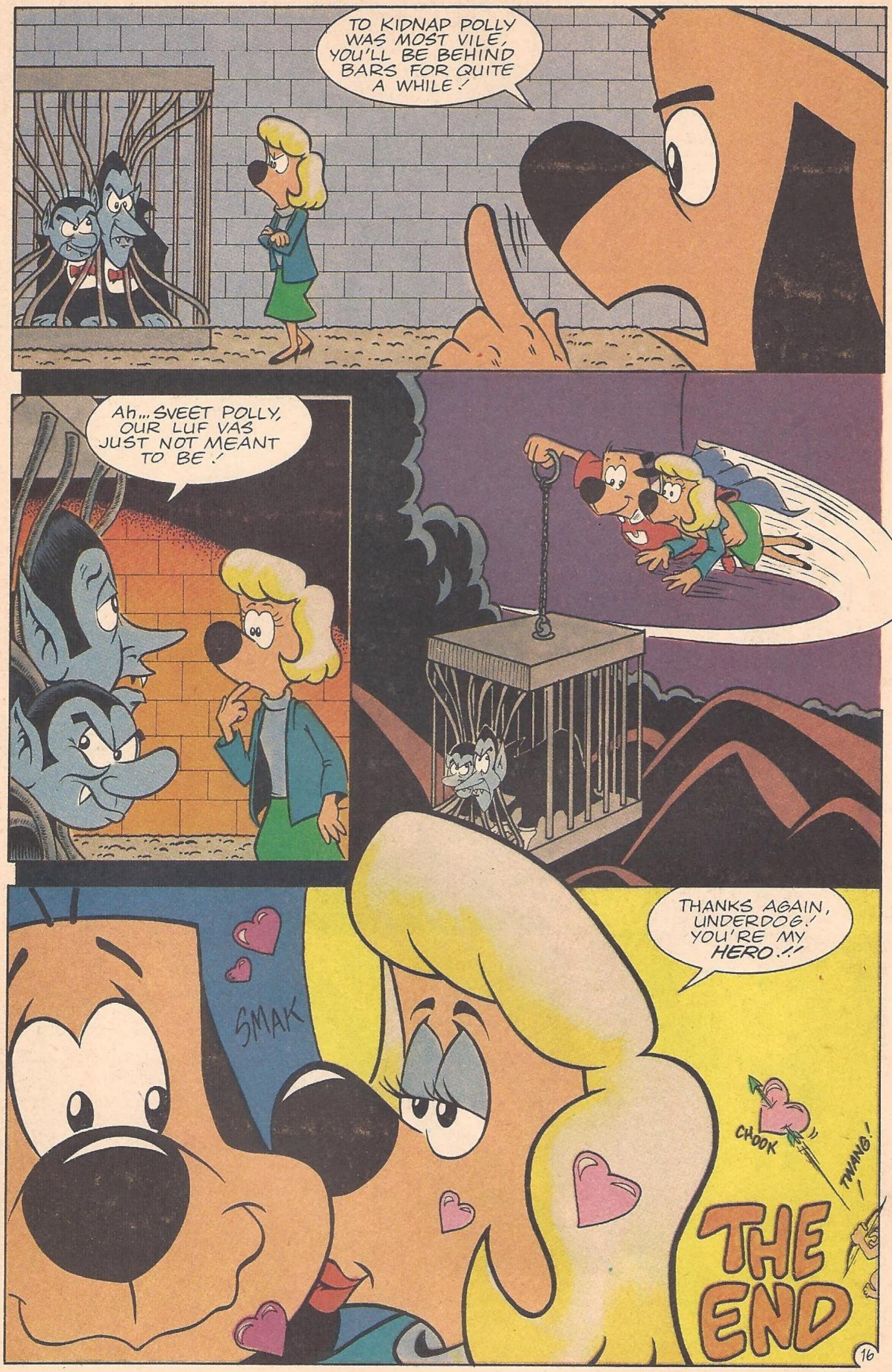
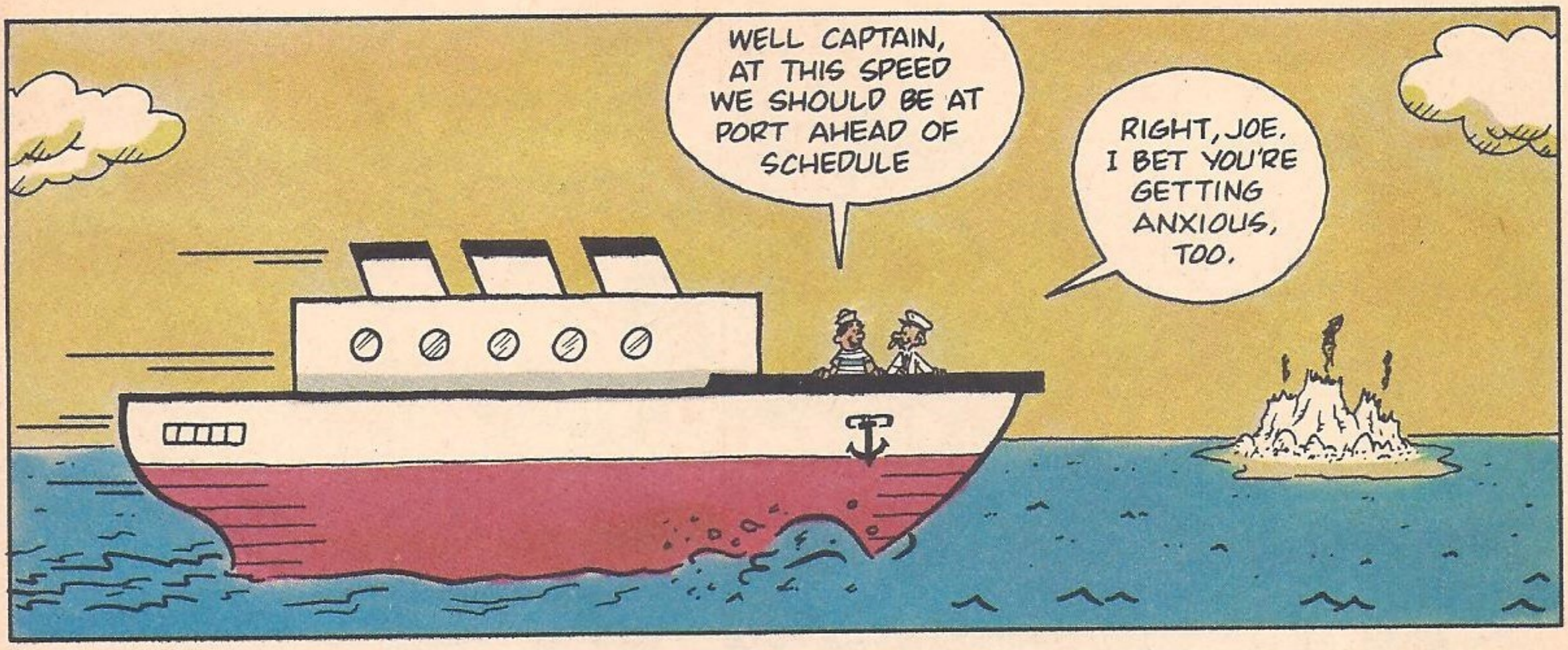
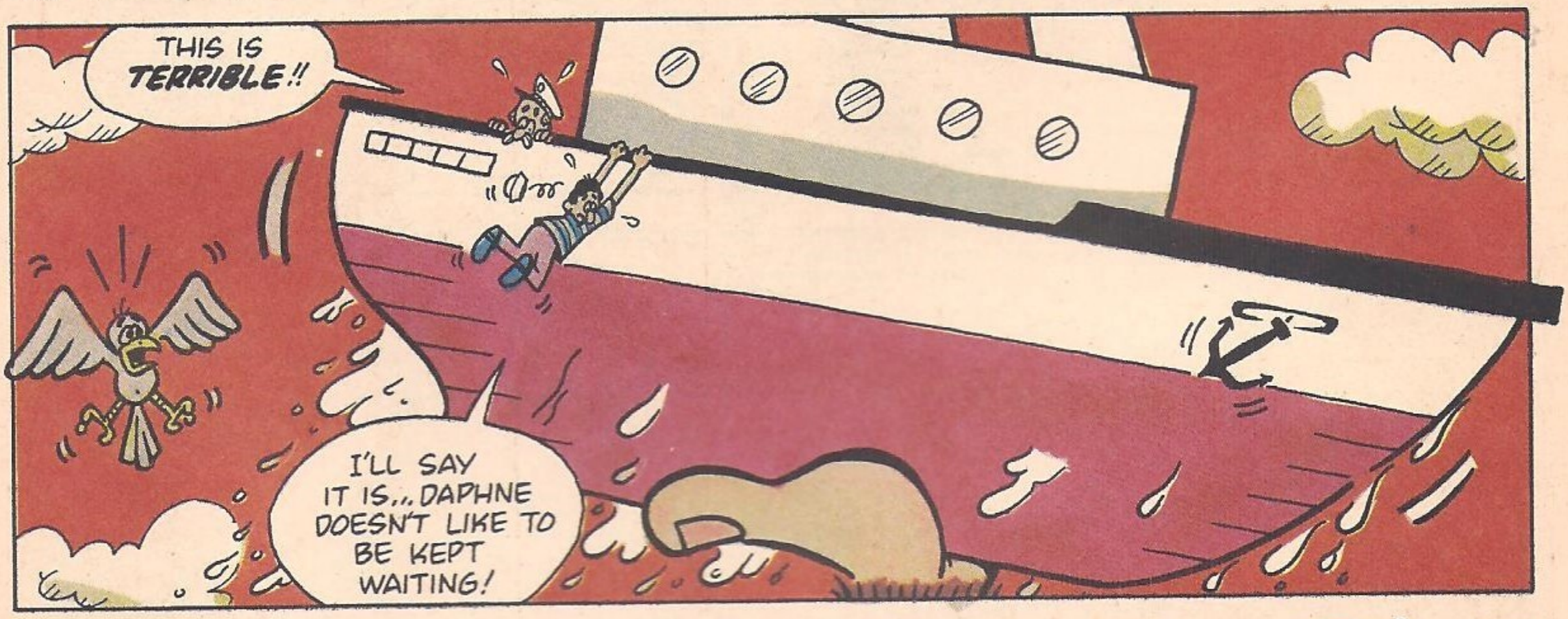

TO KIDNAP POLLY WAS MOST VILE, YOU'LL BE BEHIND BARS FOR QUITE A WHILE!
Ah... SVEET POLLY, OUR LUF VAS JUST NOT MEANT TO BE!
THANKS AGAIN, UNDERDOG! YOU'RE MY HERO!!
SMAK
CHOOK
TWANG!
THE END





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THE RETURN OF FEARO

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AND THIS JUST IN... THE AMOUNT OF **CARGO SHIPS** NOW **MISSING** TOTALS FIVE. AUTHORITIES REPORT THAT...

CRASH

THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR... **UNDERDOG** IS HERE!

UNDERDOG!

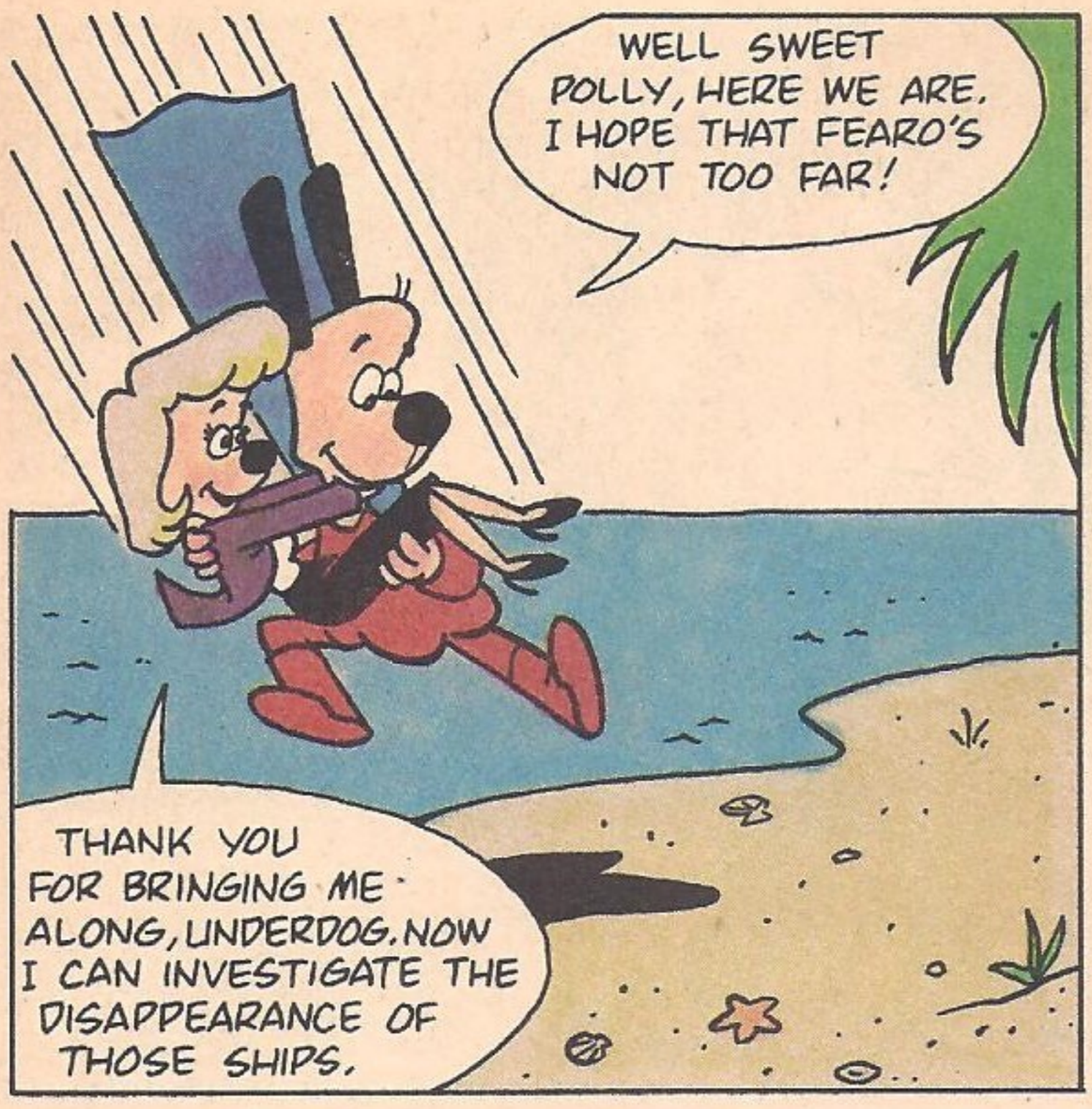
I WAS GIVING SOME CRIMINALS A FEW FRIENDLY TIPS, WHEN I OVERHEARD THE NEWS ABOUT THE MISSING SHIPS.

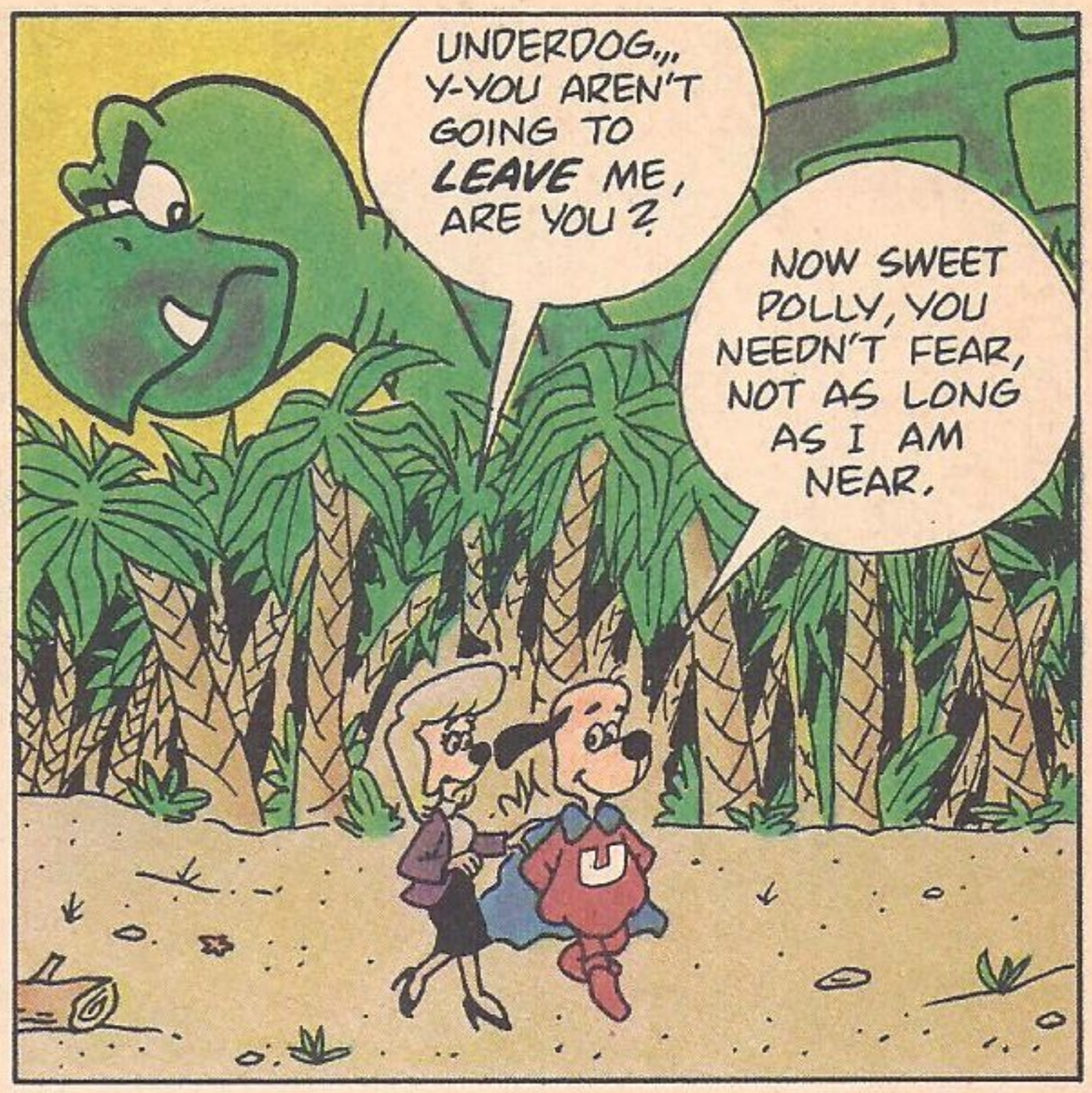
OH UNDERDOG, IT'S **TRUE**! AND THEY ALL DISAPPEARED IN THIS VICINITY

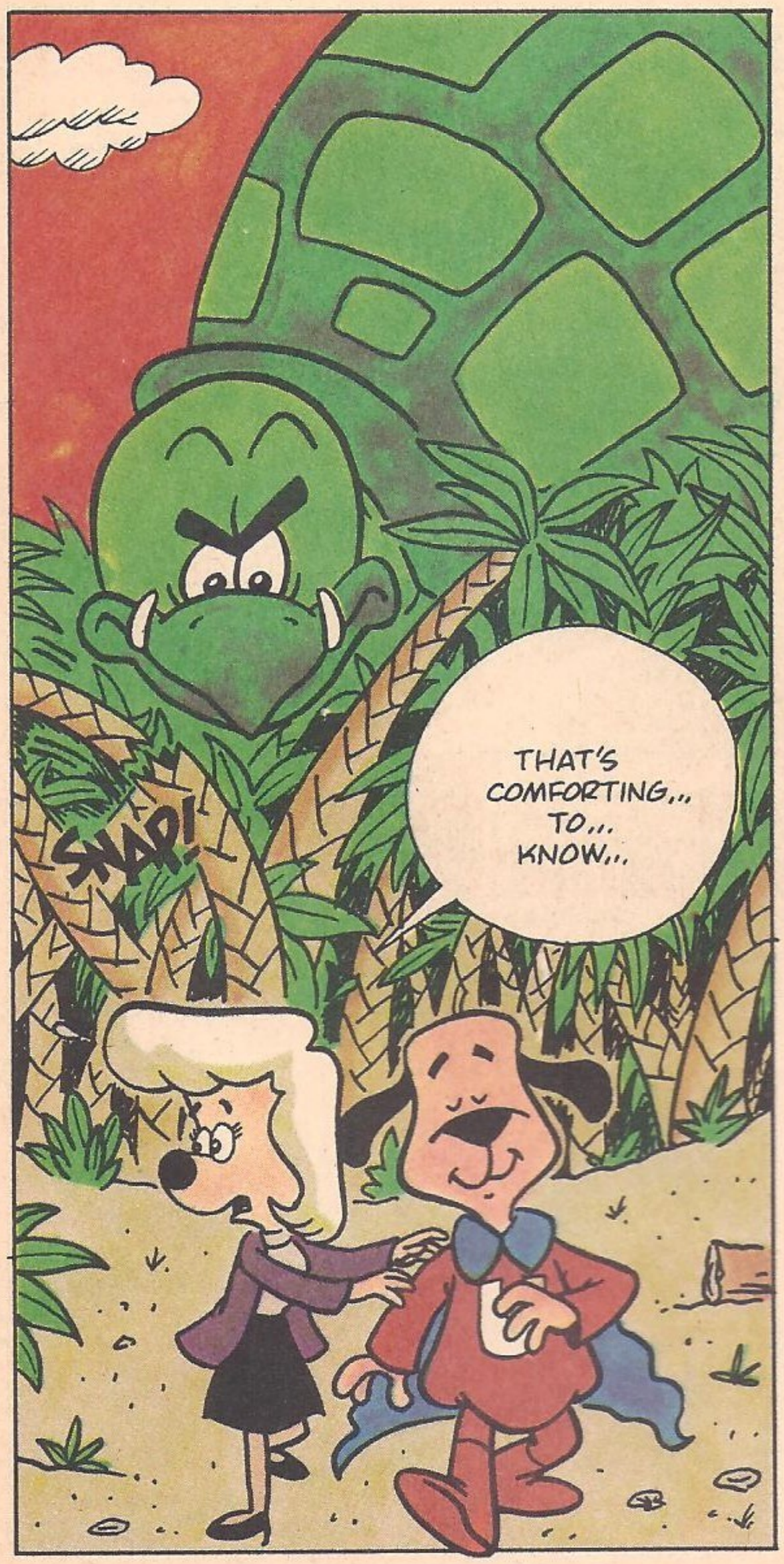
HMM. IF THE SHIPS DISAPPEARED SOMEWHERE NEAR HERE, **THIS** ISLAND MAY BE INVOLVED, I FEAR.

BUT UNDERDOG, ISN'T THAT... **FEARO ISLAND?**

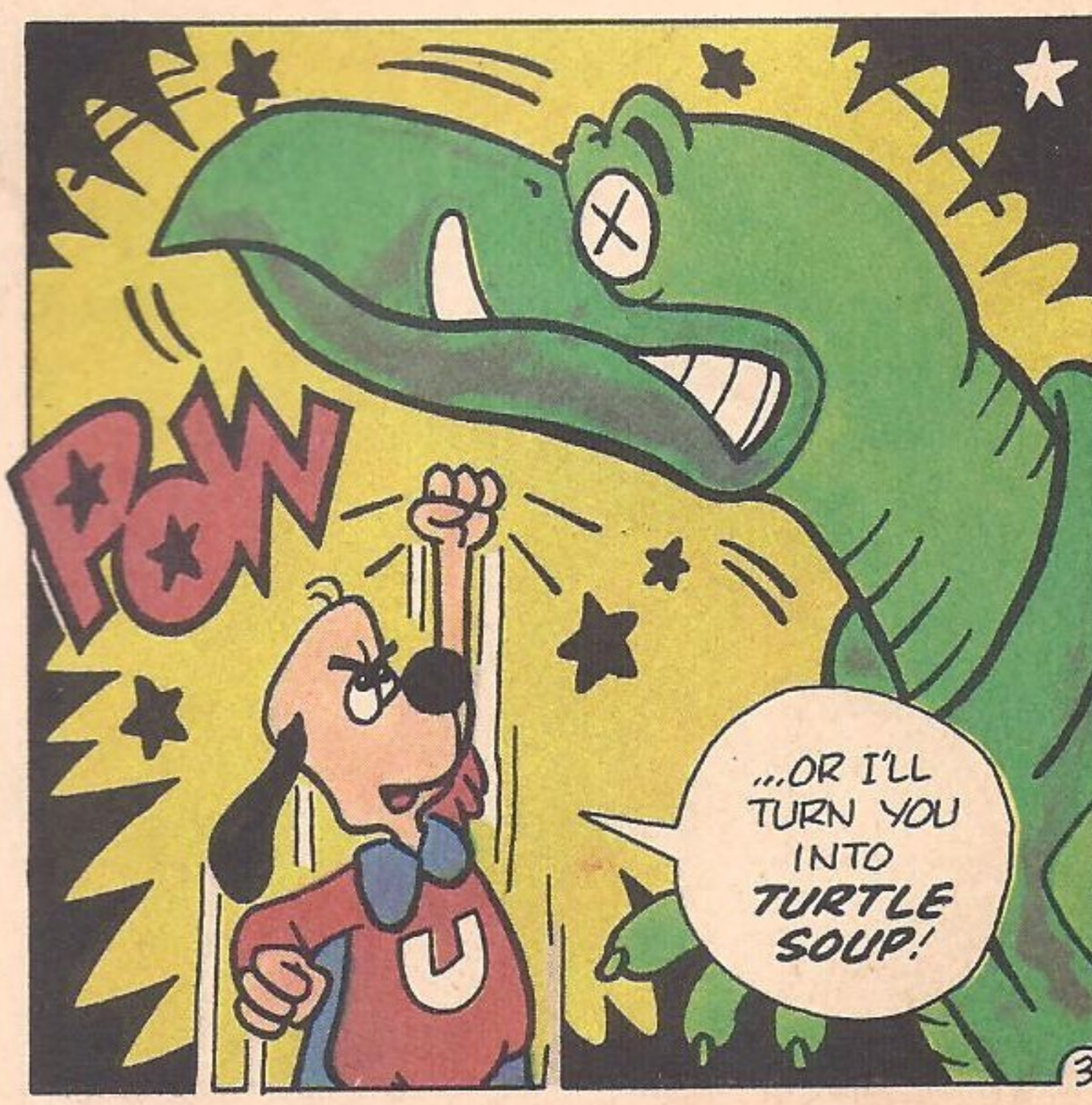
YES, SWEET POLLY, THAT IS TRUE, SO NOW IT'S TIME THAT WE BOTH **FLEW**.

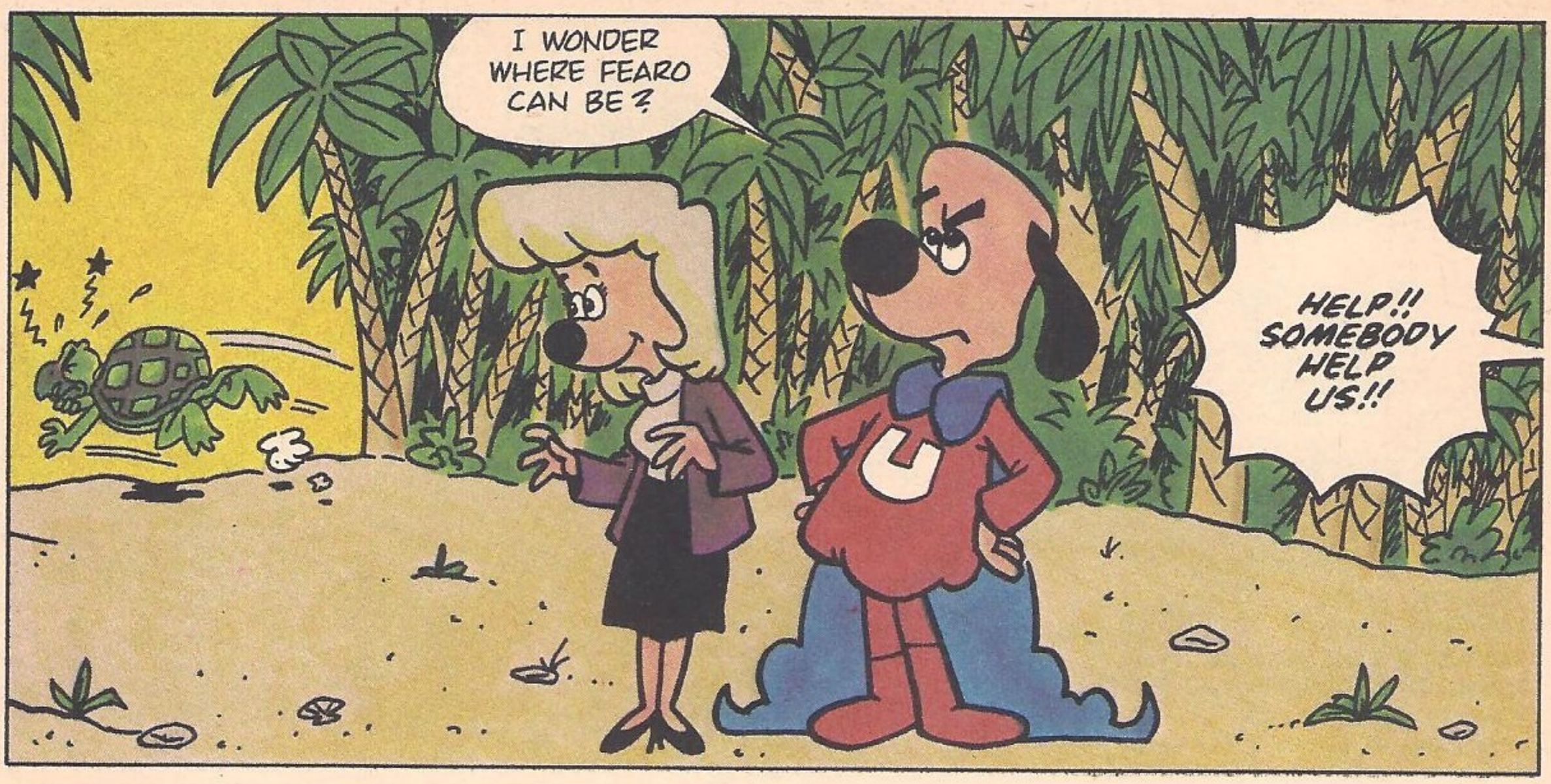

WELL SWEET POLLY, HERE WE ARE. I HOPE THAT FEARO'S NOT TOO FAR!
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ME ALONG, UNDERDOG. NOW I CAN INVESTIGATE THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THOSE SHIPS.

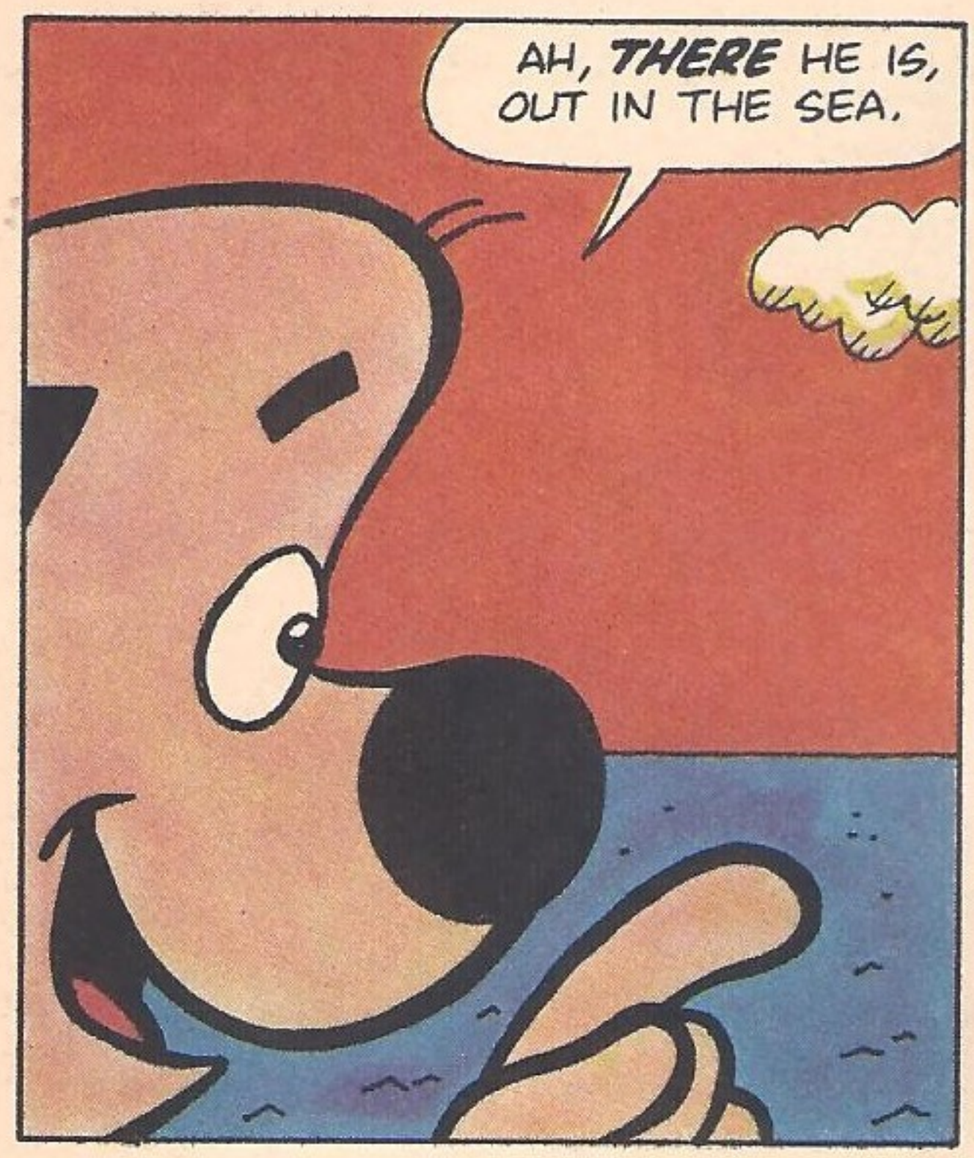

UNDERDOG... Y-YOU AREN'T GOING TO LEAVE ME, ARE YOU?
NOW SWEET POLLY, YOU NEEDN'T FEAR, NOT AS LONG AS I AM NEAR.


SNAP!
THAT'S COMFORTING... TO... KNOW...

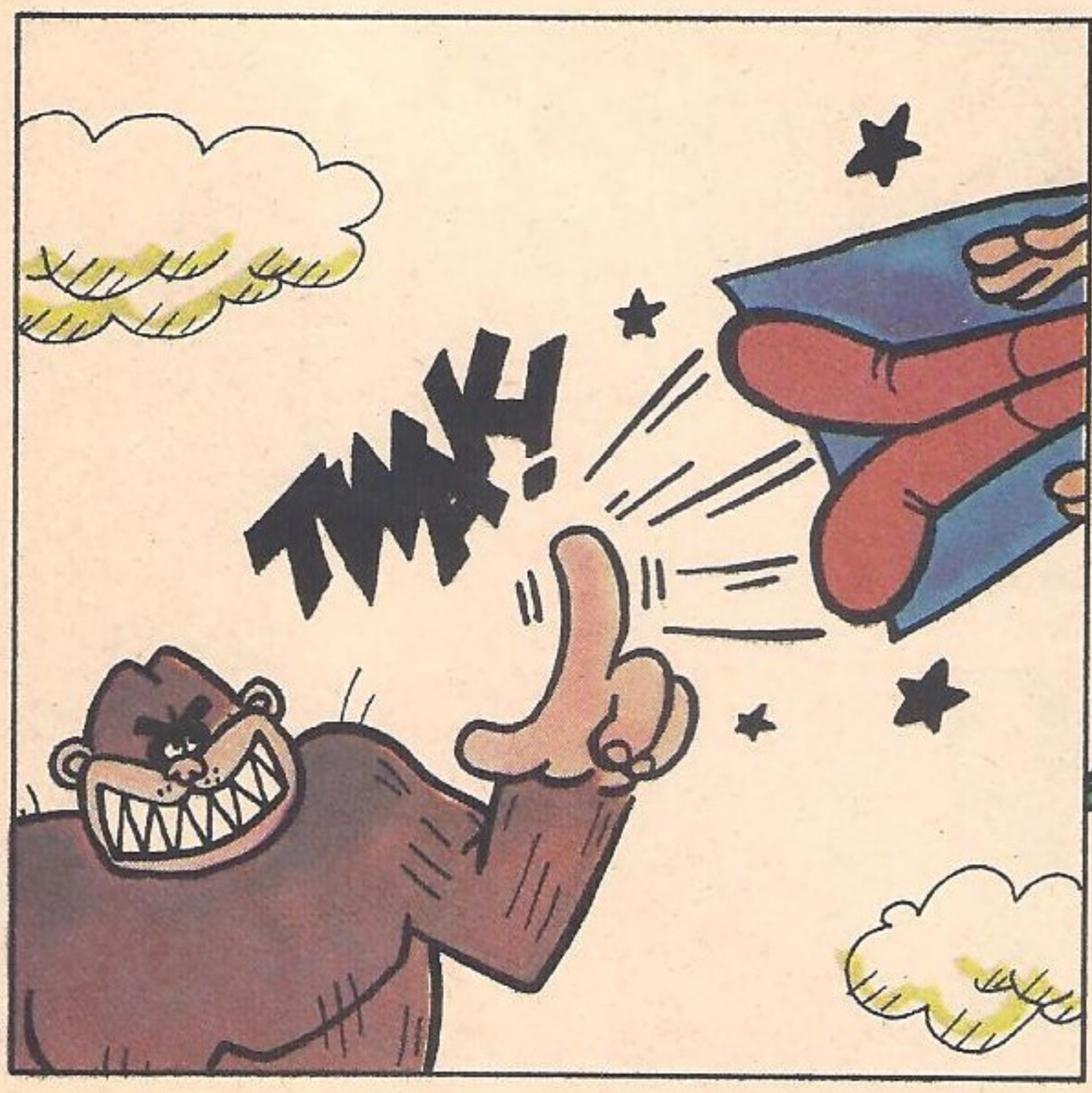
LEAVE US ALONE, YOU HARD-SHELLED SNOOP!..
UNDERDOG! HELP!!


POW
...OR I'LL TURN YOU INTO TURTLE SOUP!


I WONDER WHERE FEARO CAN BE?
HELP!! SOMEBODY HELP US!!

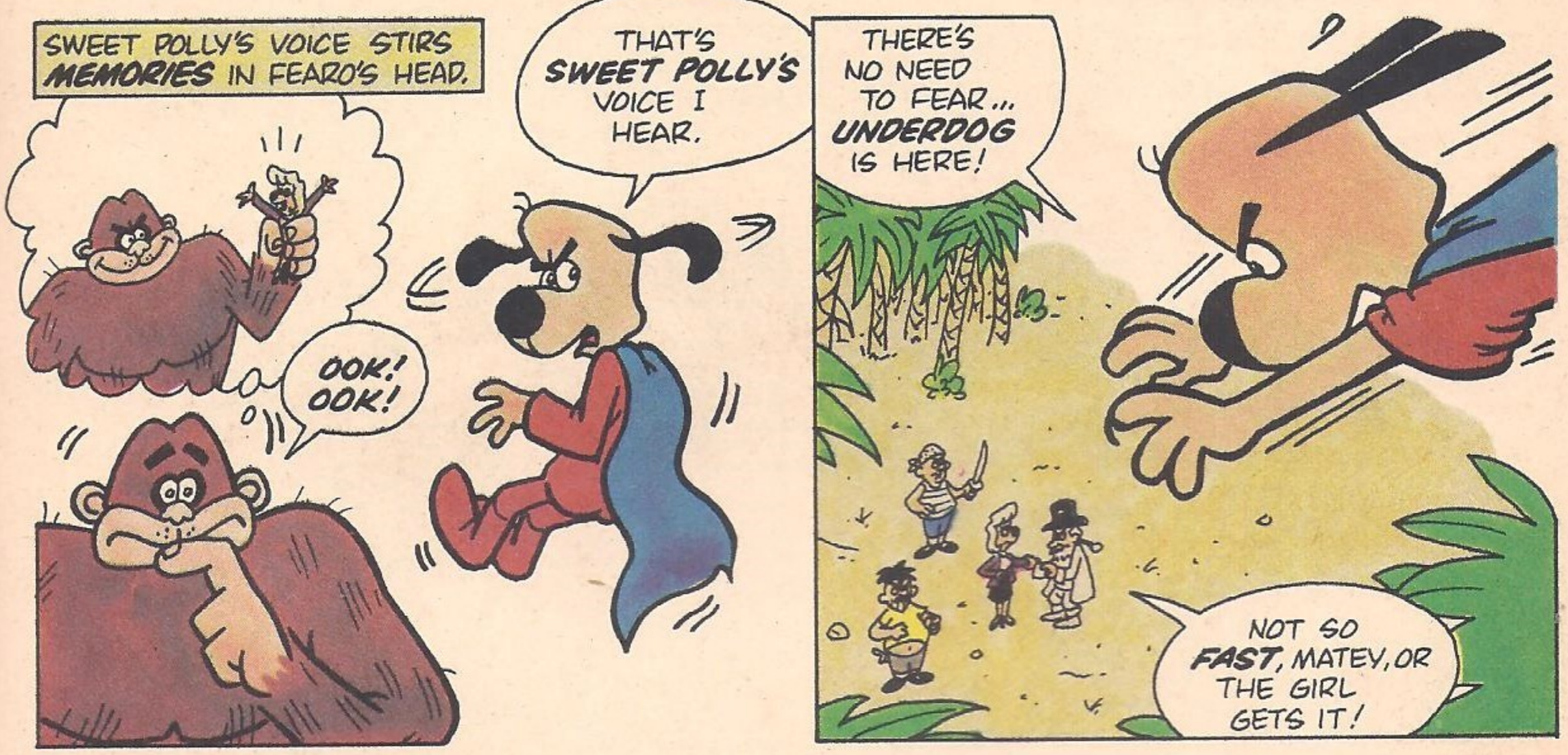

AH, THERE HE IS, OUT IN THE SEA.

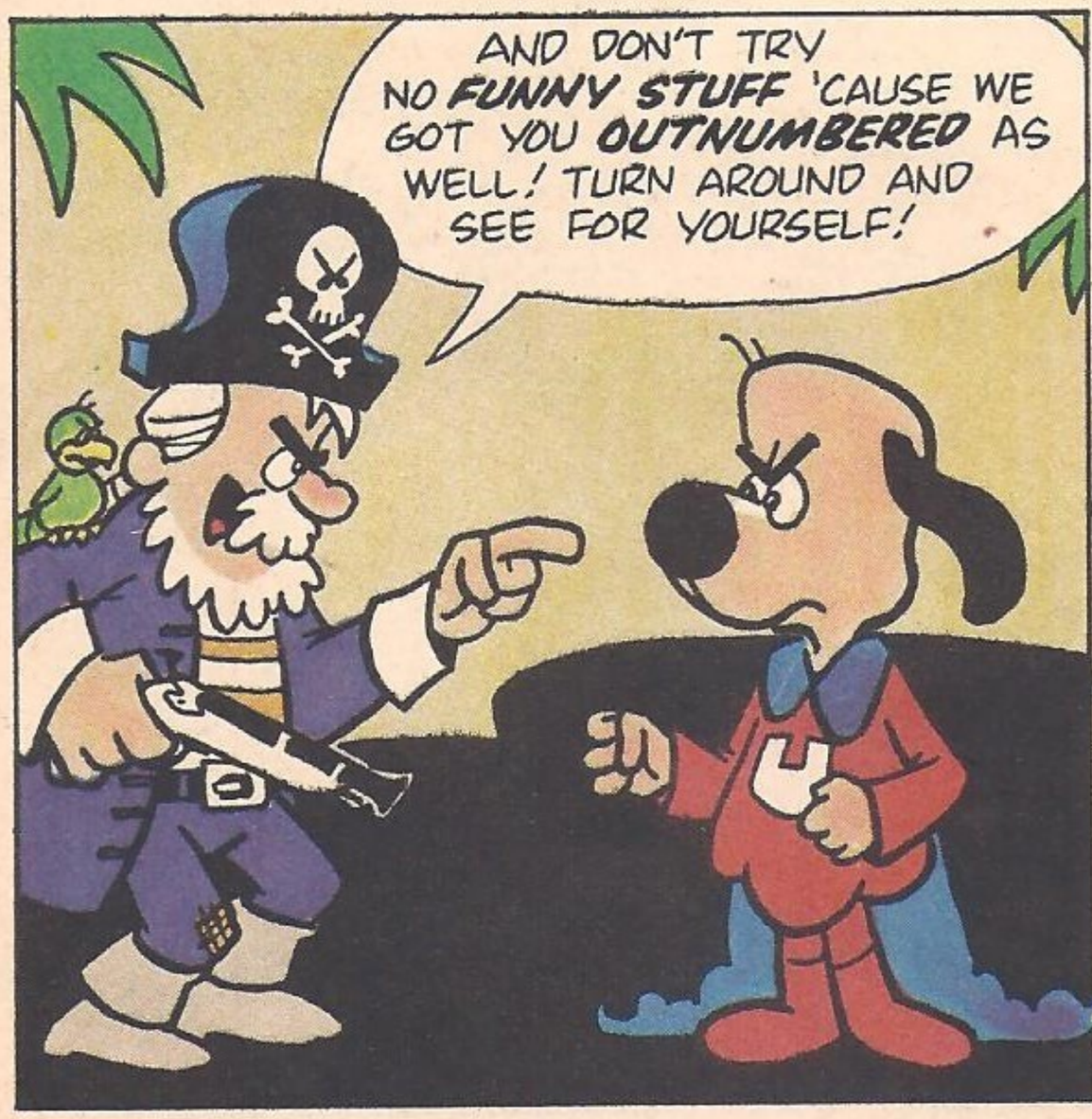
FEARO, THAT BOAT'S NOT A TOY! PUT IT BACK, YOU NAUGHTY BOY.

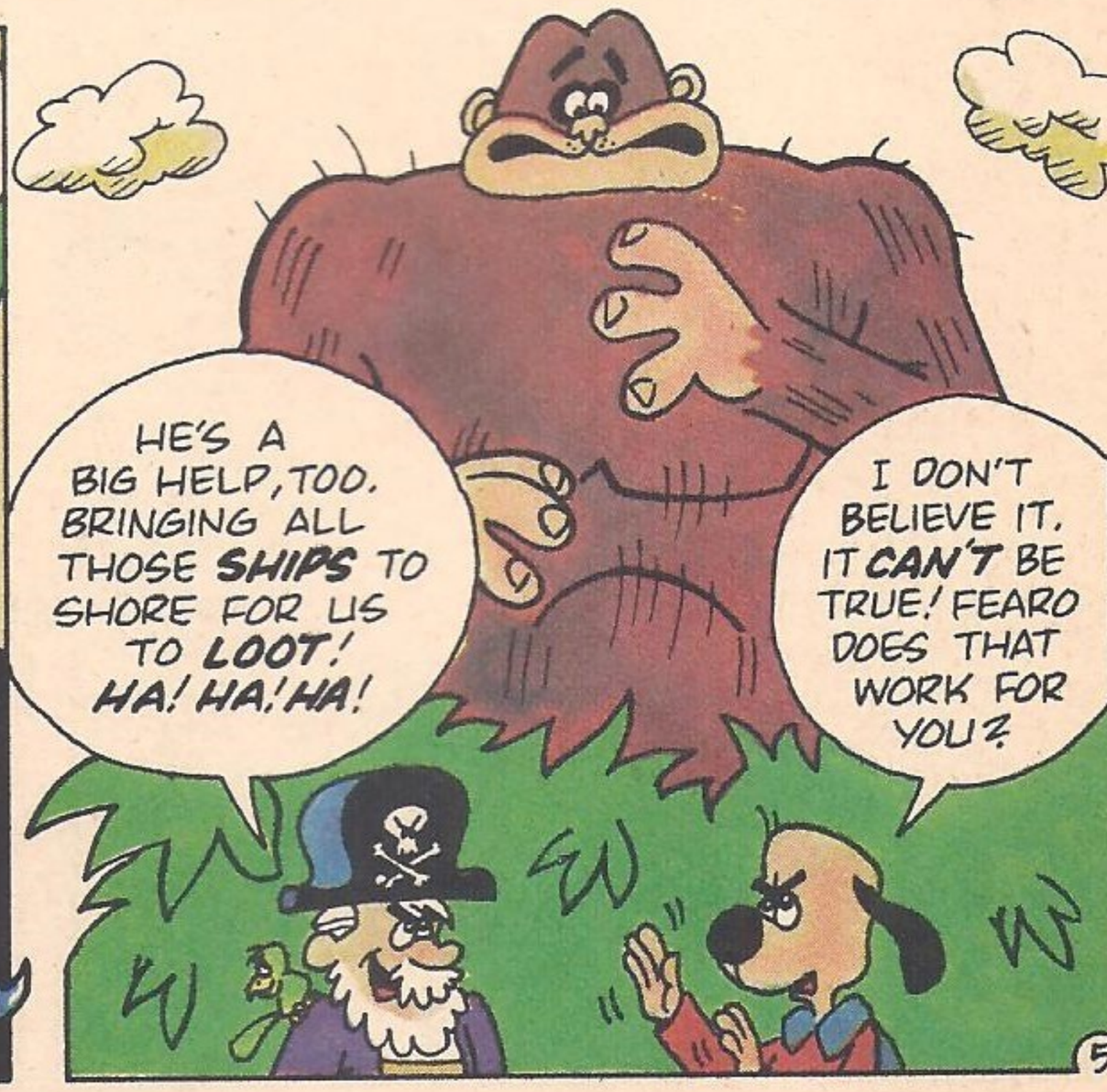

TWAK!

OKAY FEARO, THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH...

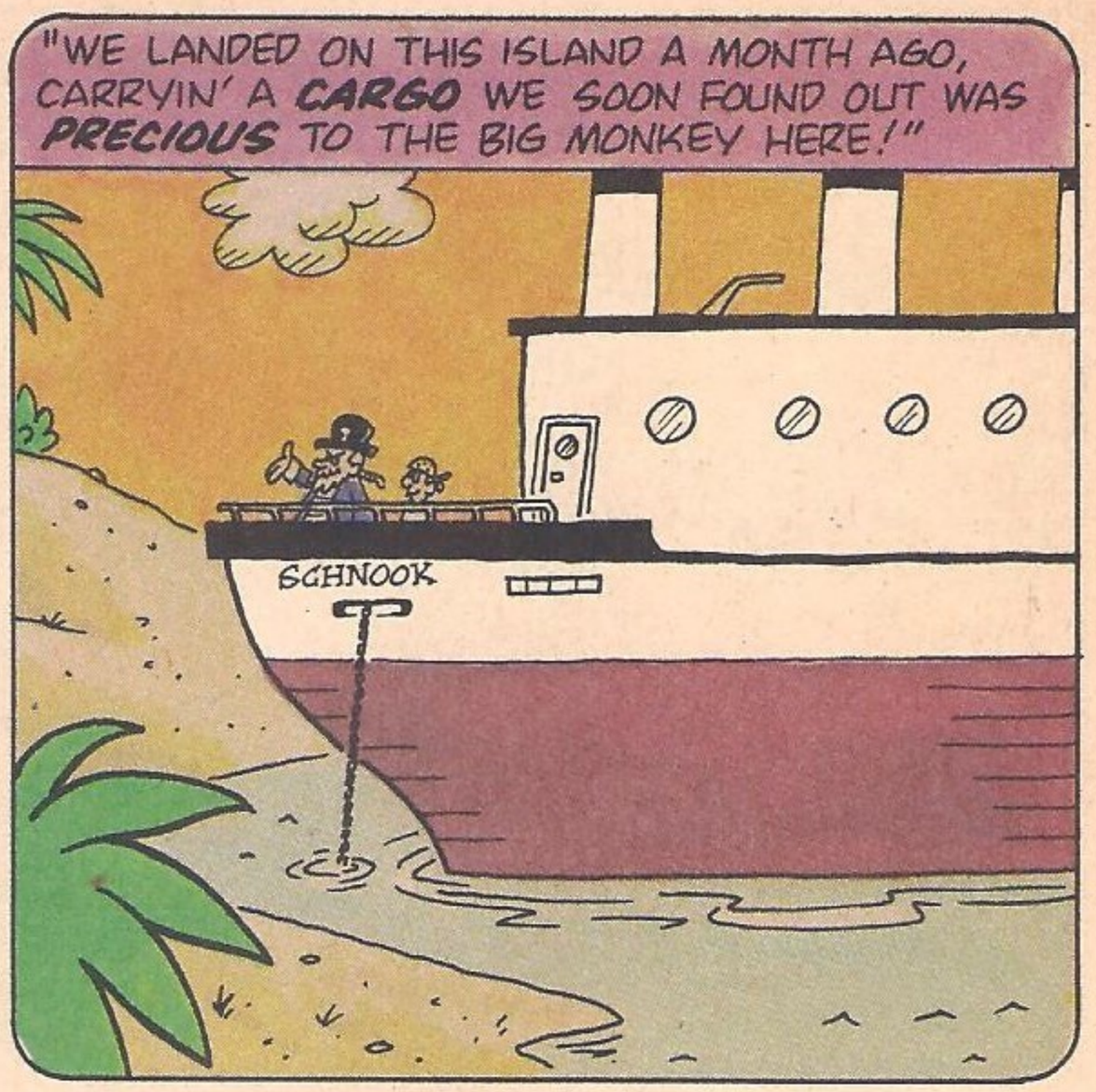
NOW I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO GET TOUGH!
OOK! OOK! OOK!
HELP! HELP! UNDERDOG!!

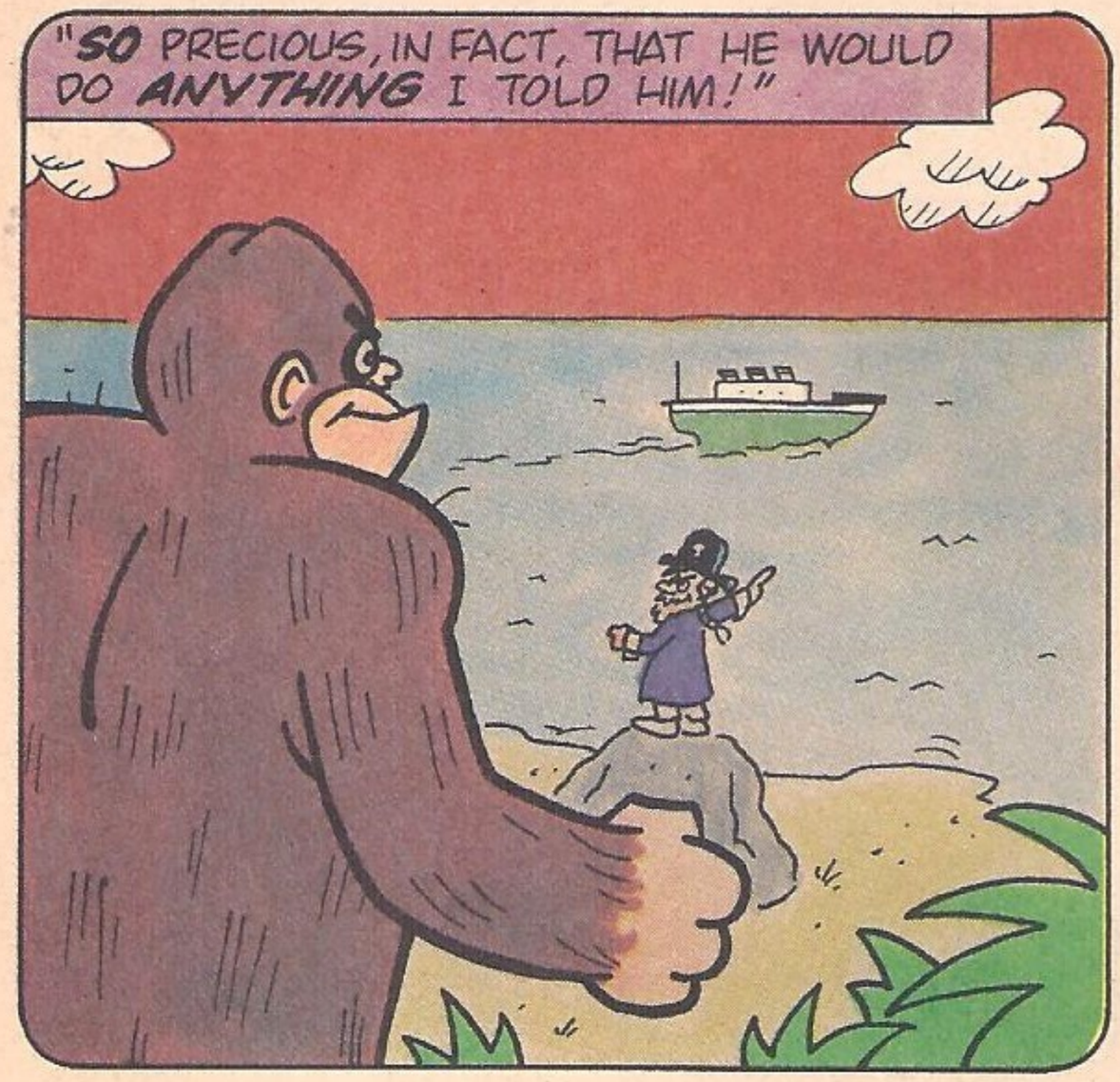

SWEET POLLY'S VOICE STIRS MEMORIES IN FEARO'S HEAD.
OOK! OOK!
THAT'S SWEET POLLY'S VOICE I HEAR.
THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR... UNDERDOG IS HERE!
NOT SO FAST, MATEY, OR THE GIRL GETS IT!

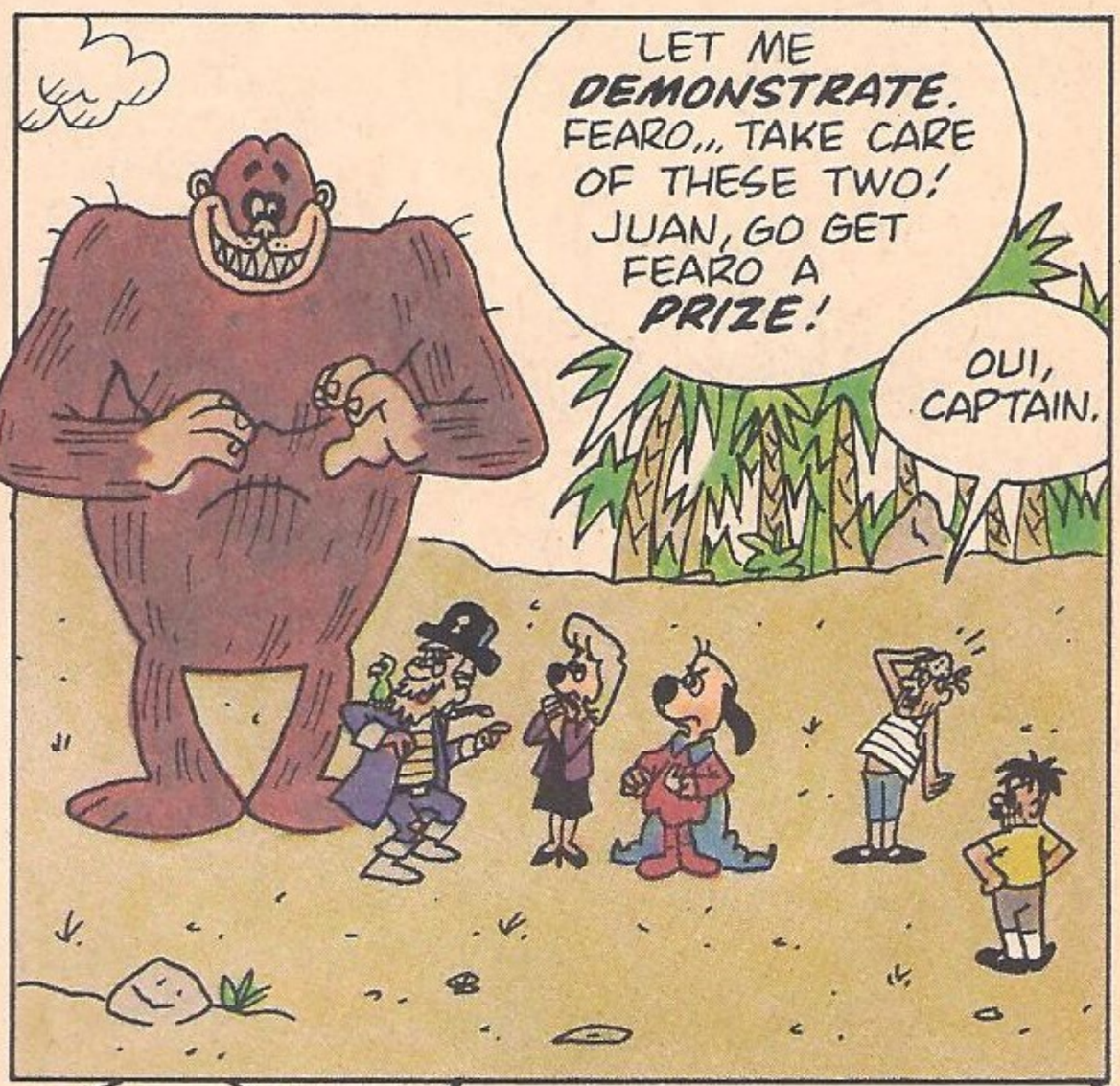

AND DON'T TRY NO FUNNY STUFF 'CAUSE WE GOT YOU OUTNUMBERED AS WELL! TURN AROUND AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!


HE'S A BIG HELP, TOO. BRINGING ALL THOSE SHIPS TO SHORE FOR US TO LOOT! HA! HA! HA!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT. IT CAN'T BE TRUE! FEARO DOES THAT WORK FOR YOU?

HA! YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT, UNDERDOG!.. IT'S TRUE!!


"WE LANDED ON THIS ISLAND A MONTH AGO, CARRYIN' A CARGO WE SOON FOUND OUT WAS PRECIOUS TO THE BIG MONKEY HERE!"
SCHNOOK

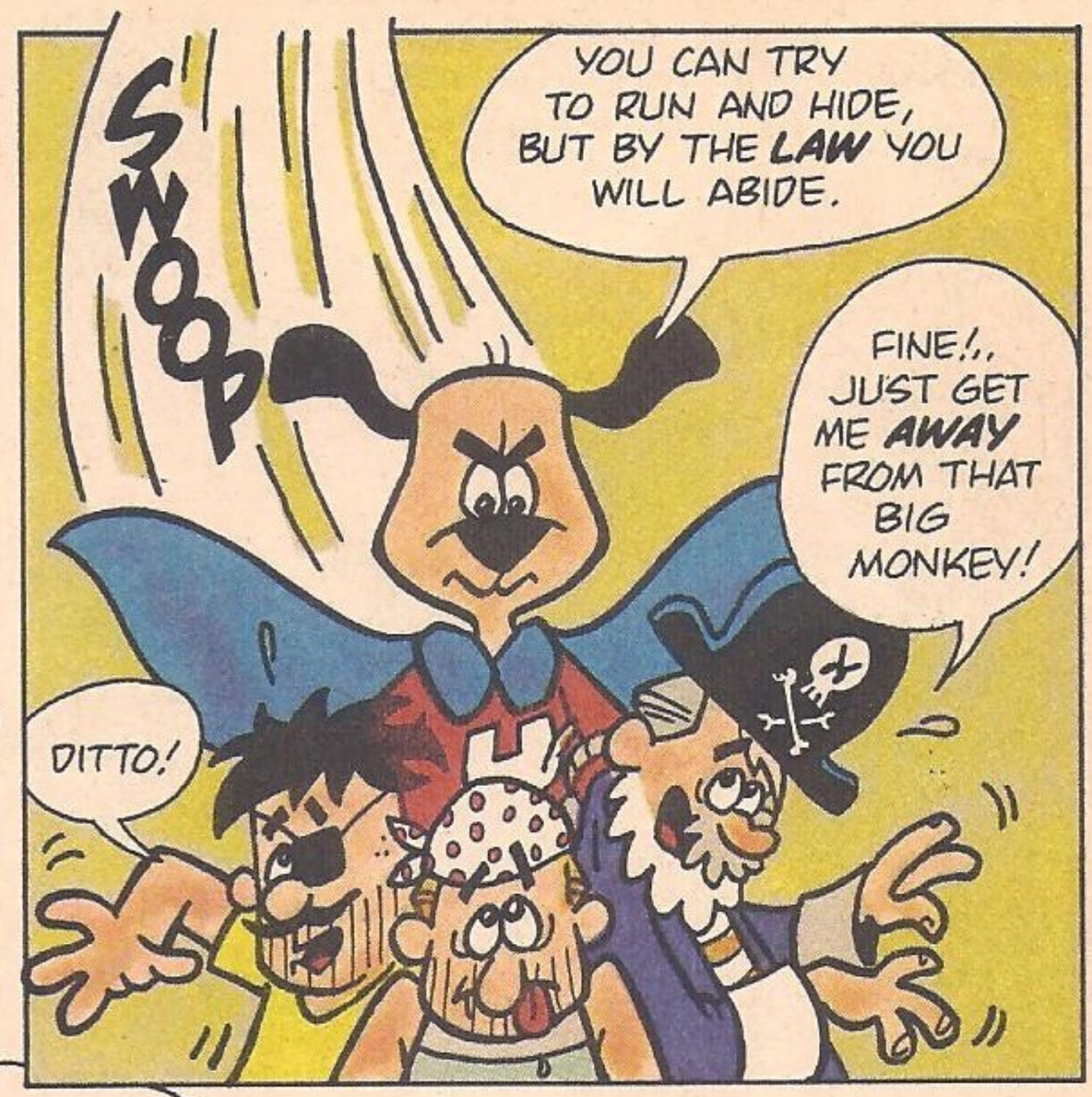

"SO PRECIOUS, IN FACT, THAT HE WOULD DO ANYTHING I TOLD HIM!"


LET ME DEMONSTRATE. FEARO,,, TAKE CARE OF THESE TWO! JUAN, GO GET FEARO A PRIZE!
OUI, CAPTAIN.

FEARO! ARE YOU DEAF!?! I SAID TO TAKE CARE OF THEM!
POLLY, THERE'S NO CAUSE FOR ALARM... FEARO DOESN'T MEAN US HARM.
HEY, BOSS!

BOSS! WE GOT NO MORE CARGO!
WHAT!?! WITHOUT ANY CARGO, I HAVE NO CONTROL OVER...

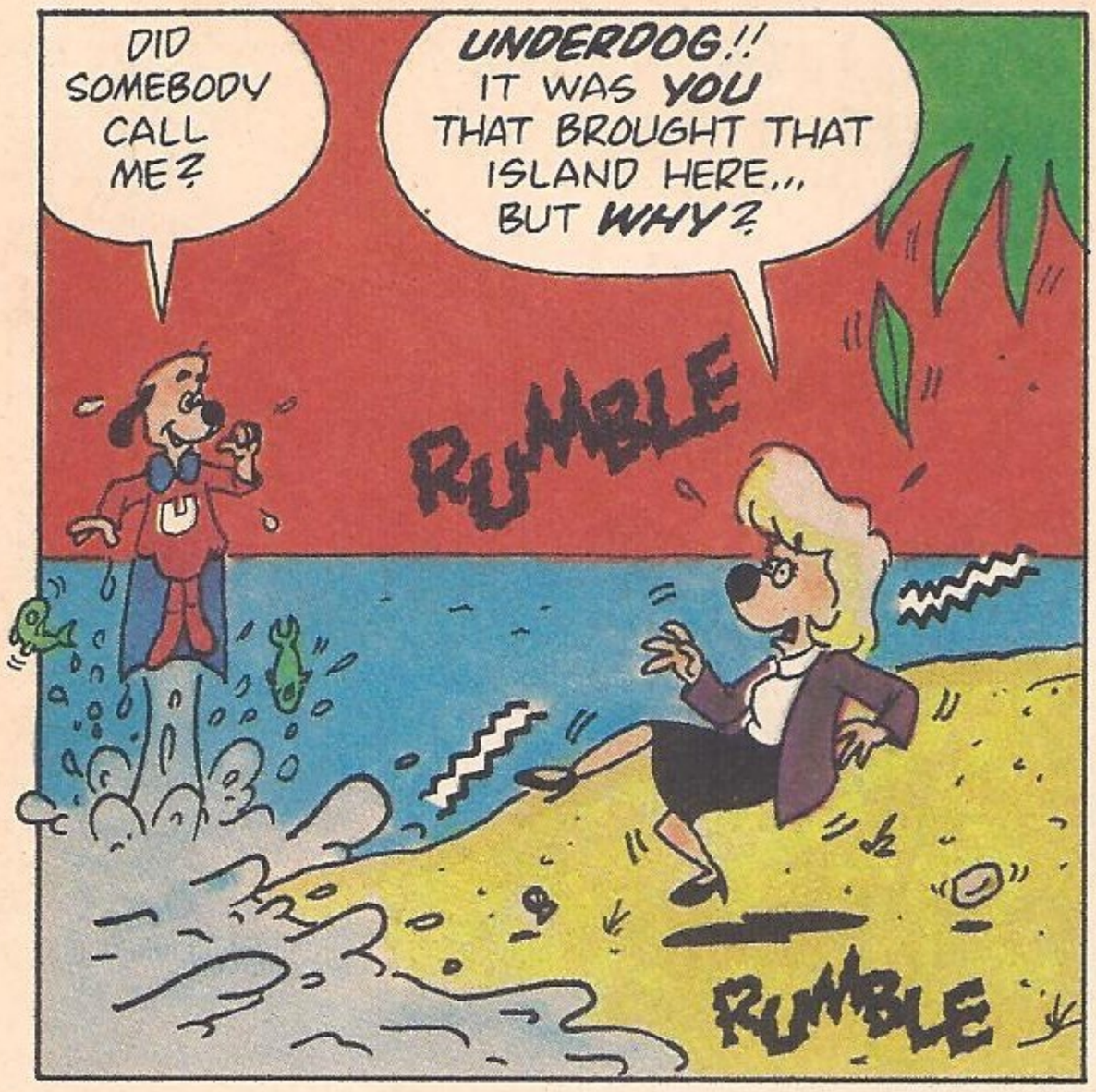
UH-OH.
IIEEEEE!! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!


SWOOP
YOU CAN TRY TO RUN AND HIDE, BUT BY THE LAW YOU WILL ABIDE.
FINE!.. JUST GET ME AWAY FROM THAT BIG MONKEY!
DITTO!

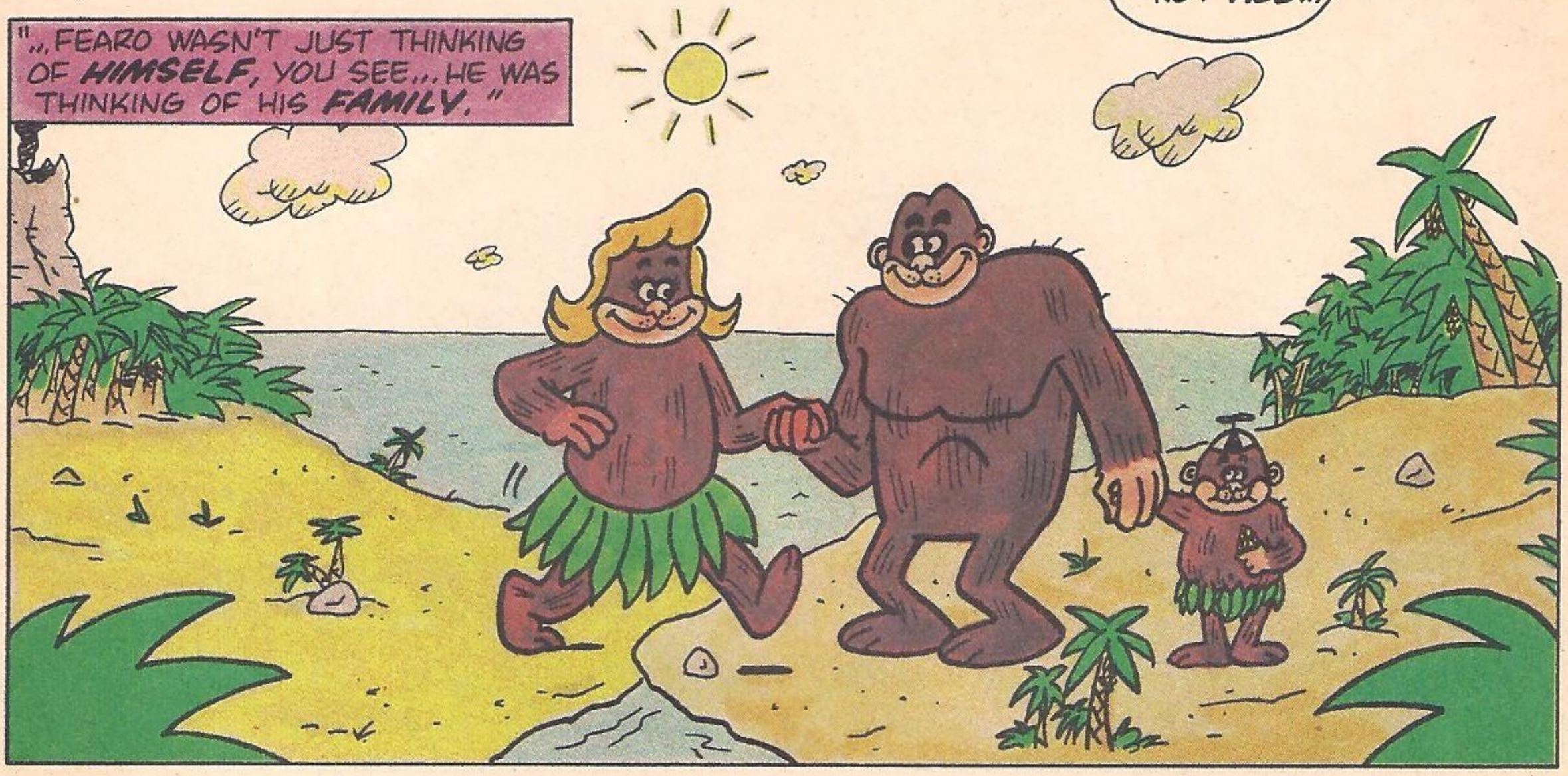
SIT TIGHT, YOU TWO, I WON'T BE LONG. I'M GOING TO JAIL THESE THREE WHO DID WRONG.
OOK! OOK! OOK!

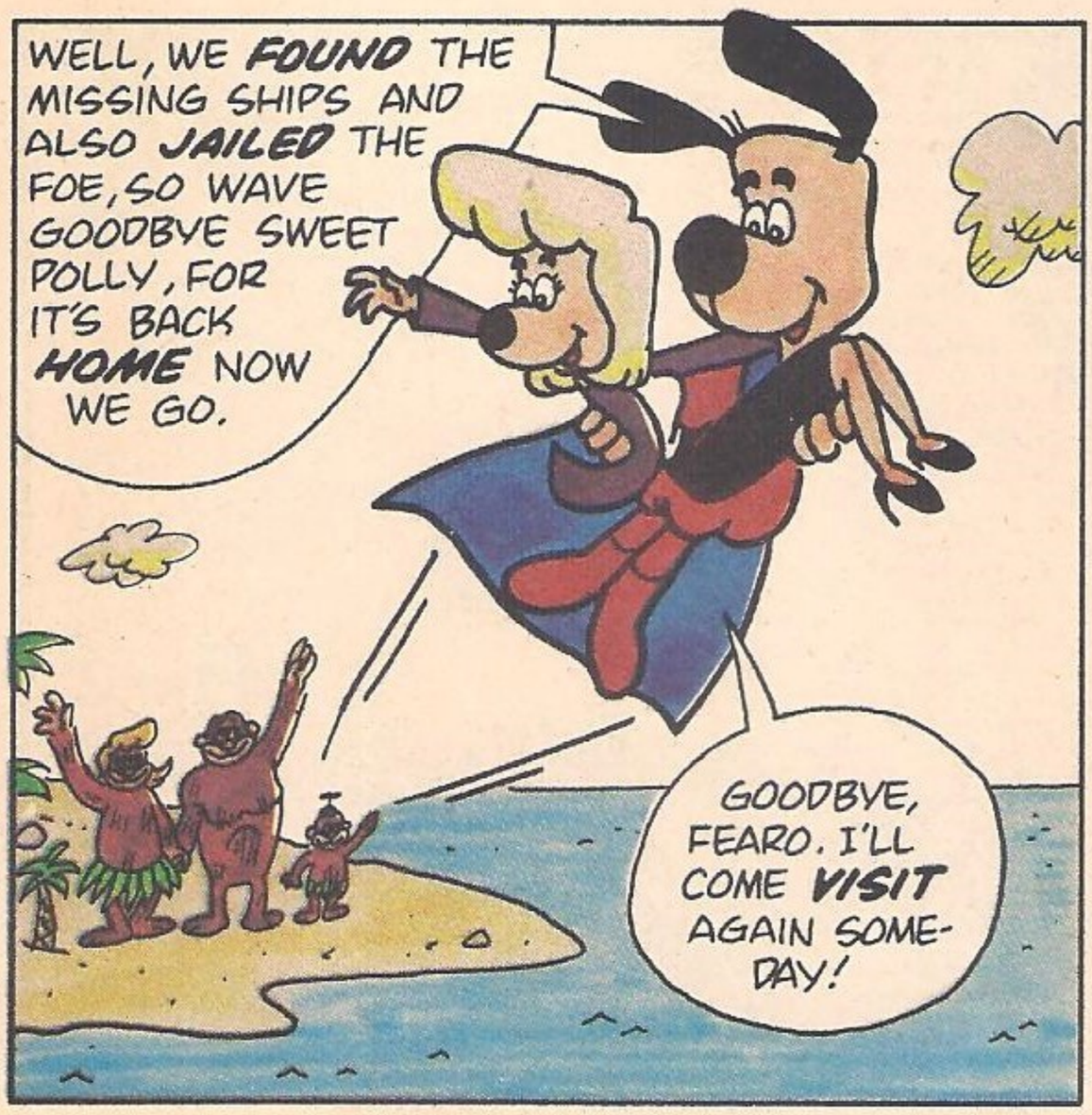
AS THIRTY MINUTES PASS...
I DON'T SEE UNDERDOG ANYWHERE. I WONDER WHAT'S TAKING HIM SO... SAY... THAT'S FUNNY...

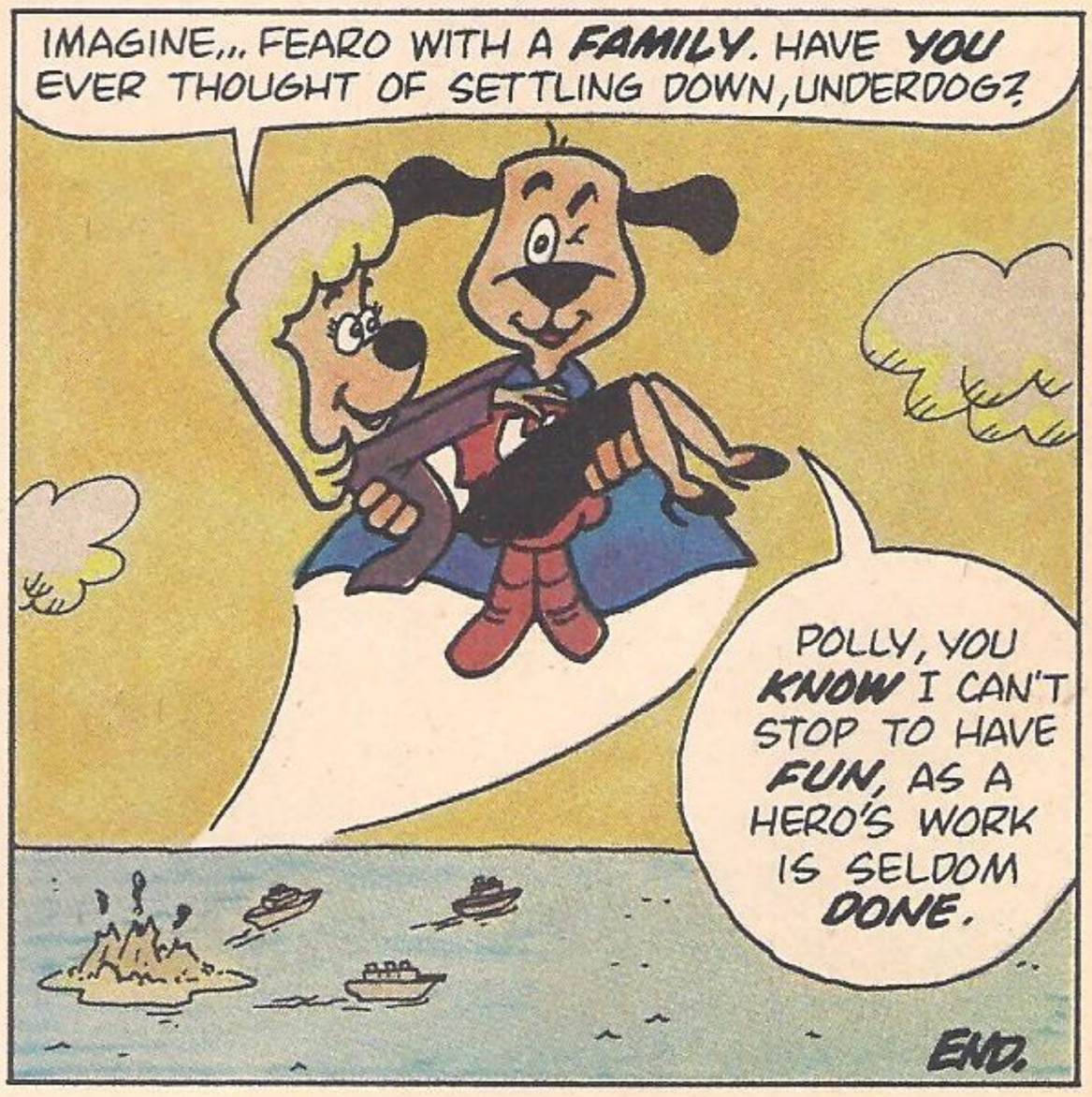
THAT OTHER ISLAND IS COMING RIGHT AT US! HELP! UNDERDOG!! HELP!!


DID SOMEBODY CALL ME?
UNDERDOG!! IT WAS YOU THAT BROUGHT THAT ISLAND HERE... BUT WHY?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

WHEN I WAS FLYING ABOVE THE ISLAND THROUGH THE BREEZE, I NOTICED THAT IT HAD NO MORE BANANA TREES. SO I BROUGHT THIS DESERTED FRUIT FILLED ISLAND HERE, SO THAT THE ANIMALS' HUNGER WOULD DISAPPEAR.
BANANAS! THAT'S HOW THE PIRATES WERE ABLE TO CONTROL HIM! POOR FEARO MUST HAVE BEEN STARVING!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL...


"...FEARO WASN'T JUST THINKING OF HIMSELF, YOU SEE... HE WAS THINKING OF HIS FAMILY."


WELL, WE FOUND THE MISSING SHIPS AND ALSO JAILED THE FOE, SO WAVE GOODBYE SWEET POLLY, FOR IT'S BACK HOME NOW WE GO.
GOODBYE, FEARO. I'LL COME VISIT AGAIN SOME-DAY!


IMAGINE... FEARO WITH A FAMILY. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF SETTLING DOWN, UNDERDOG?
POLLY, YOU KNOW I CAN'T STOP TO HAVE FUN, AS A HERO'S WORK IS SELDOM DONE.
END.

Jim Engel

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